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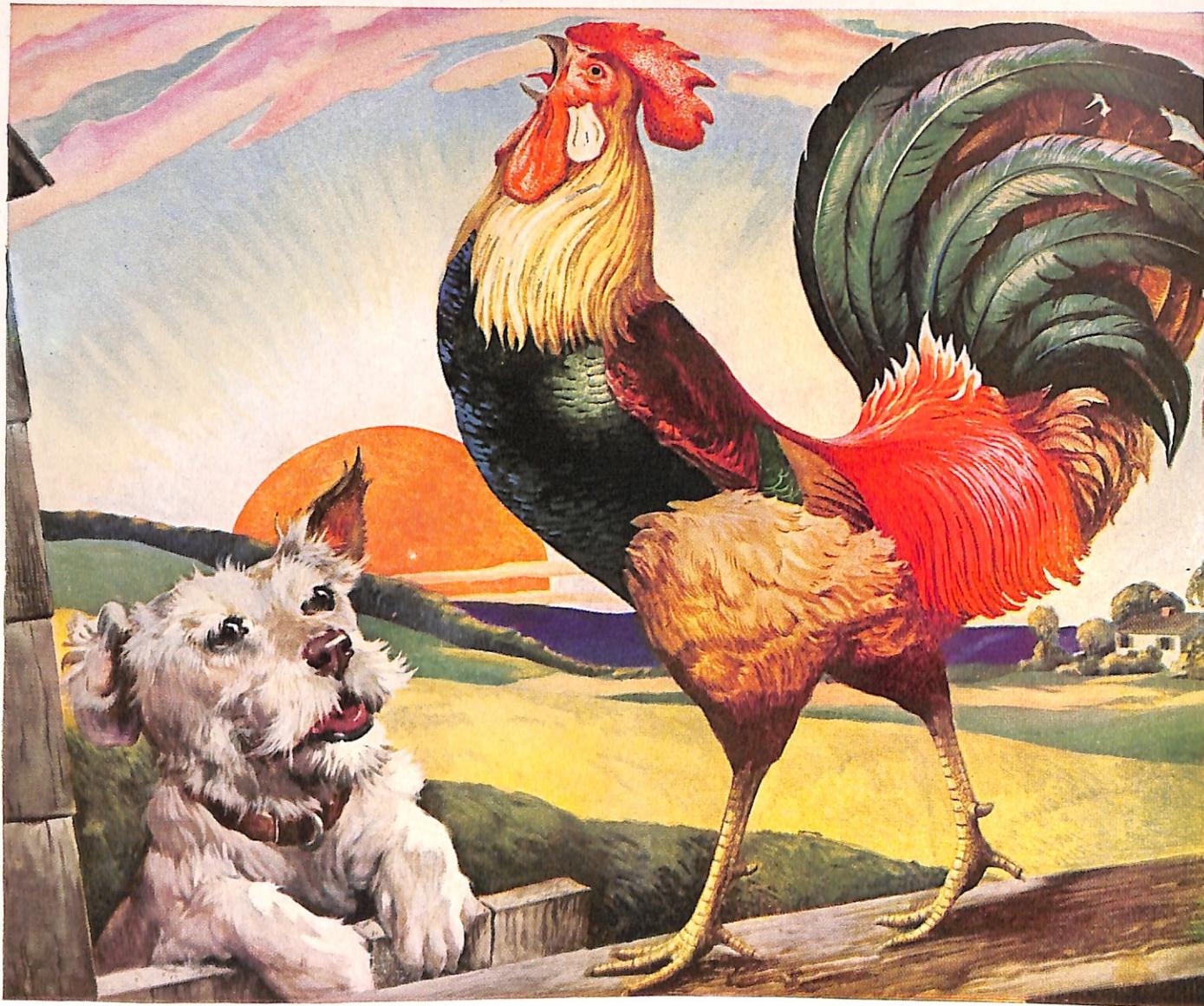
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Saturday, July 29

- 10:00 A.M.—Conference of Grand Lodge Officers and Grand Lodge Committees.
12 Noon—Registration for Grand Lodge Members at the Stevens Hotel.

Sunday, July 30

Registration continues at the Stevens Hotel.

Monday, July 31

- Registration continues at the Stevens Hotel.
12 Noon—Grand Exalted Ruler's Luncheon for District Deputies.
8:00 P.M.—Public Opening, Grand Ball Room, Stevens Hotel.

Tuesday, August 1

Registration continues at the Stevens Hotel.

- 10:00 A.M.—First Session of Grand Lodge, Grand Ball Room, Stevens Hotel.
1:00 P.M.—Luncheon of Incoming Grand Exalted Ruler to Exalted Rulers.
2:00 P.M.—Exalted Rulers' and Grand Lodge Representatives' Luncheon by Incoming Grand Exalted Ruler.

Wednesday, August 2

- Registration continues at the Stevens Hotel.
10:00 A.M.—Grand Lodge Session, Ball Room, Stevens Hotel.
11:00 A.M.—Memorial Service, Special Ritual and Music.
2:00 P.M.—Grand Lodge Session, Ball Room, Stevens Hotel.

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- 10:00 A.M.—Closing Session, Grand Lodge, Ball Room, Stevens Hotel.





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IN THIS ISSUE

We Present—

OUR front cover this month is decorated again with the young man who came out fighting on our January issue. He is still a belligerent little Joe who this month is pounding for War Bonds. He appears by request of the U. S. Treasury (Henry, the Morgue) and by courtesy of artist Howard Butler.

Our old friend, Kent Richards, from an atoll in the South Pacific has sent us a piece reminiscent of his days on our own continent. It is entitled "V is for Vegetable". Mr. Richards is proprietor of a country estate in Connecticut and before his entrance into the Service maintained a notable Victory Garden. It is now supervised by his wife who grows a mean tomato. (She's a nice looking tomato herself.)

Baseball, as is not unknown, is one of the strictest dictatorships extant. The tyro is Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis of whom a somewhat candid portrait is drawn by Stanley Frank, on page 4. Judge Landis is one of the most important figures in Sport and has been for a generation, and will be—God give us strength—for another.

It has been suggested that it would be convenient for those who are planning to attend the Grand Lodge Convention in Chicago at the end of July to have a list of Grand Lodge Officers published prior to that date. The list appears on page 19.

Another page of importance to the Order is the Elks War Commission's Report containing as much information as it has been possible to gather concerning the members of Manila, P. I., and Agana, Guam, Lodges. Messages from our members have been received through the American Red Cross from Japanese prison camps.

One of the most stirring observances of our Order takes place in the month of June. An editorial on Flag Day, June 14th, can be found on our editorial page.

As can be readily seen, we present again our usual features. Mr. Ray Trullinger of Rod and Gun fame is off on Canada again and this time he is screaming about Ontario. As usual, Harry Hansen and Ed Faust have a lot to say and the various subordinate lodges of the Order have been exercising their divers pursuits.

A tentative program of the forthcoming Grand Lodge Convention is presented on page 1.

This month, as usual, we have given as much space as possible in the book to gag cartoons. It is time that we brought our gag artists to your attention as we, personally, are proud of them. It is no small job to turn out a monthly bunch of funny gags with funny drawings and at the same time keep them all clean. This is our salute to the gag cartoonists and let's let it go at that.—C. P.

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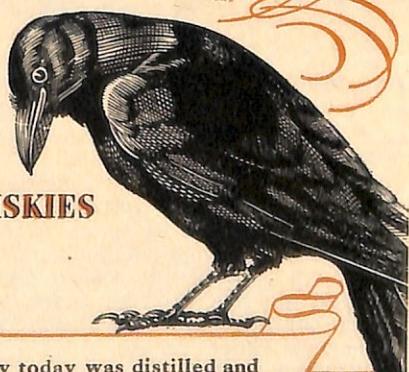
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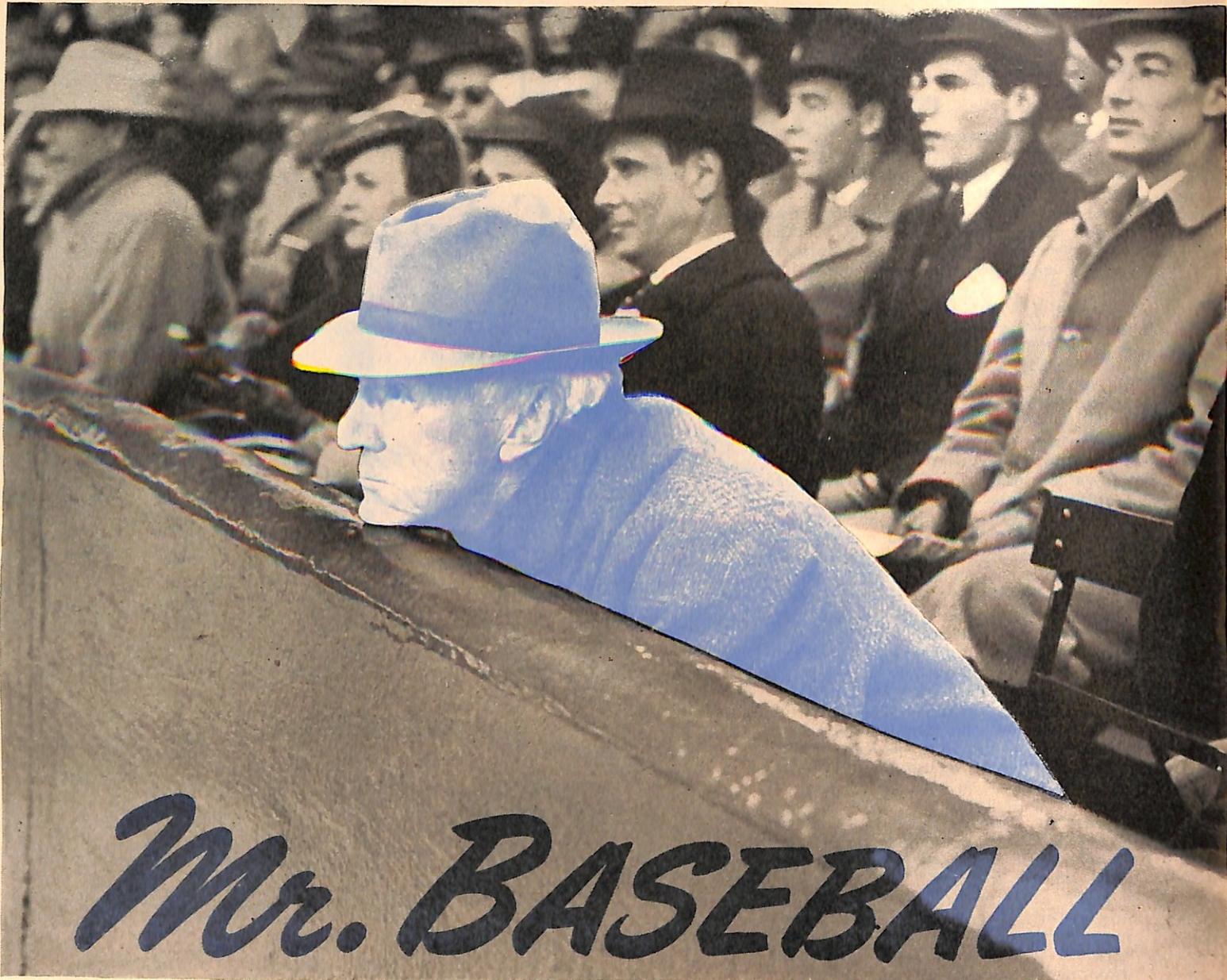
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Mr. BASEBALL

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Gruff, hard-boiled, charming and witty Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis rules our national pastime with the iron fists of a dictator

DICTATORS are supposed to be inimical to the American tradition, yet the most purely American institution is ruled ruthlessly by a 78-year-old, 110-pound, tough-minded gaffer who wears a fright wig, a bird's nest for a hat and an expression that suggests he has just smelled something extremely repugnant. His domain is baseball and his name is Judge Kenesaw Mountain Landis. He also is known by several other names, ranging from the saviour of baseball to a vindictive, jealous codger intoxicated by his power.

Landis antedates in office, and exceeds in authority, the movies' Will Hays, the coal-miners' John L. Lewis and every other appointed autocrat of American

business. He is paid \$65,000 a year for telling the men who hire him what they must not do and they cringe under his fishy eye and they break their necks to obey his mandates, which are subject to no appeal. He was given a free hand in the administration of baseball in 1921 and everyone who since has had the temerity to oppose him has gotten the back of that bony hand and a swift kick in the seat of the pants to hasten his precipitous departure.

During his regime, the Commissioner has penalized each of the sixteen major-league teams in money and/or players for infractions of rules he alone has conceived, administered and adjudicated. And he has made his most

drastic decisions stick by sheer will power. In January, 1940, Landis severed the chattel rights the Detroit Tigers had to 91 ball players, valued at \$500,000, and fined the team an additional \$47,250 for alleged irregularities in the conduct of its farm system. Two years before the St. Louis Cardinals were deprived of more than 100 players on the same charge.

Early in his tenure, Landis barred for life Cosy Dolan and Jimmy O'Connell, a rookie who had cost the New York Giants \$100,000, for conspiring to "fix" a ball game. As recently as last November he forced William D. Cox, owner of the Phillies, to sell out and get out of baseball when it was revealed

that Cox had been betting on his own team. Cox was given the bum's rush through Landis' interpretation of a vague rule giving him the power to crack down on anyone whose "conduct is detrimental to the best interests of baseball". The old gent's embattled enemies complain that he can construe, if the spirit moves him, detrimental conduct as anything from failure to ice soda pop properly to throwing a game.

It has been said that Landis, who assumed office after the Black Sox scandal was disclosed, still acts as though everyone in baseball were an incipient thief or safe-blower. The owners who pay his very substantial salary resent his high-handed interference in what they consider the legitimate conduct of their business and they are outraged by his snooping, house-dick tactics.

Comes the inevitable question: Why don't the owners get rid of him and hire someone more amenable to their interests? It can be done very easily; all they have to do is neglect to renew his contract and Landis is out. At least four attempts have been made to clip his wings or unhorse him completely—the last as recently as December—yet every effort has fizzled dismally. The reason is not, as some cynics believe, that Landis has too much on the magnates to be given the heave-o. Landis knows where all the dead cats are buried in the baseball cemetery, to be sure, but in the last twenty years the game has not hidden any mouldy secrets which, if exhumed, would destroy the public's confidence in the integrity of baseball. Landis' five-year contract expires in '45, but there is absolutely no doubt that he can hold the job on his own terms if he wants it.

There are two reasons why the Judge continues to tell off his employers in salty, sulphurous language that no umpire ever heard from an indignant ball player: (1) the owners are afraid of him; (2) his most bitter opponents admit that the old boy is the strongest moral force baseball ever has known.

Few baseball people, however, really comprehend Landis' philosophy of baseball nor do they have the vision to see the all-over picture he is trying to create. Reducing Landis' fundamental policy to the simplest terms, he is building up good will for baseball against the day the game will have to defend in civil courts the validity of the present player's contract.

That day certainly will come and when it does, an adverse decision by an unsympathetic court will destroy the structure of baseball as we have known it for almost three-quarters of a century. That day once came, in fact, in 1915 when the player-owner relationship was challenged and carried to the Supreme Court during the Federal League struggle against the National and American Leagues.

As you probably are aware, the contract a ball player signs is a unique document. It fails to give him the protection and individual rights that are guaranteed other citizens. Unlike actors, musicians or salesmen, a ball

player cannot peddle his services to the highest bidder when his contract expires. He is bound permanently to a team as long as it cares to employ him. He is dependent entirely upon the generosity of the club-owner for a fair salary and if he refuses to play at the terms offered him, the owner can deprive him of a livelihood in baseball. Once a player signs a contract, he loses his professional freedom. He cannot choose where, or for whom, he prefers to play and he cannot object when he is traded or sold, body and soul, to another team. If he refuses to report to a team for any reason, he can be blackballed for life. The ball player is nothing more than a slave with modern improvements. The whole thing is absolutely contradictory to all concepts of personal liberty and yet the Supreme Court ruled in 1915 that such conditions were legal and necessary "due to the peculiar nature of the business".

THE practices upon which baseball are founded admittedly produce inequality of opportunity. If Joe DiMaggio, for example, had been bought by the Athletics instead of the Yankees, he never would have achieved the financial eminence of \$42,500 a year, even if the caliber of his performance had been the same. It was only the luck of the draw that sent Hank Greenberg to the Tigers, who ultimately were willing to pay him \$55,000 a year, and not to the Phillies, who could not have afforded to pay him a third of that amount.

On every pennant-winning team there are a dozen ordinary players who are not as capable as fifty other men in the league, but that dozen collects a share of the World Series prize money. The other fifty, through no fault of theirs, are retarded by poor teams and cannot rise above the mediocre mob no matter how brilliantly they may hit or field or pitch. The ball player has no control over his career, no force—except public opinion—that will guarantee him the salary he is worth.

Still, every baseball fan will agree with the Supreme Court's interpretation of "the peculiar nature" of baseball. What would happen if all contracts automatically were dissolved at the end of each season and the players were free to bargain for the best offer they could get anywhere? The answer to that one is pretty obvious. The rich teams would wind up with all the best players, further aggravating the dangerous trend toward the monopoly capital already is exerting in the major leagues. The Yankees, Giants, Tigers, Cubs, Red Sox and Dodgers, situated in heavily populated centers of baseball interest, could afford to corner the outstanding stars. Building a team from scratch is a slow, painful process and the poorer clubs would be forced to start all over again each season. The result would be chaos and the stifling of all semblance of free, equal competition among teams, without which organized baseball cannot survive.

Freedom to sell their services to the

highest bidder might work to the advantage of the good players, but it would reduce the men barely holding on to the mediocre fringe to the level of coolie wages. Assume a guy named Joe Blow, who hits only .250 and isn't talented enough to play regularly at one position, was not engaged by seven teams in the league. Joe has a certain value to a first-division club as a utility man, but if only one team evinces any interest in him, Joe is at the mercy of that team and he must play at its figure or sit out the season.

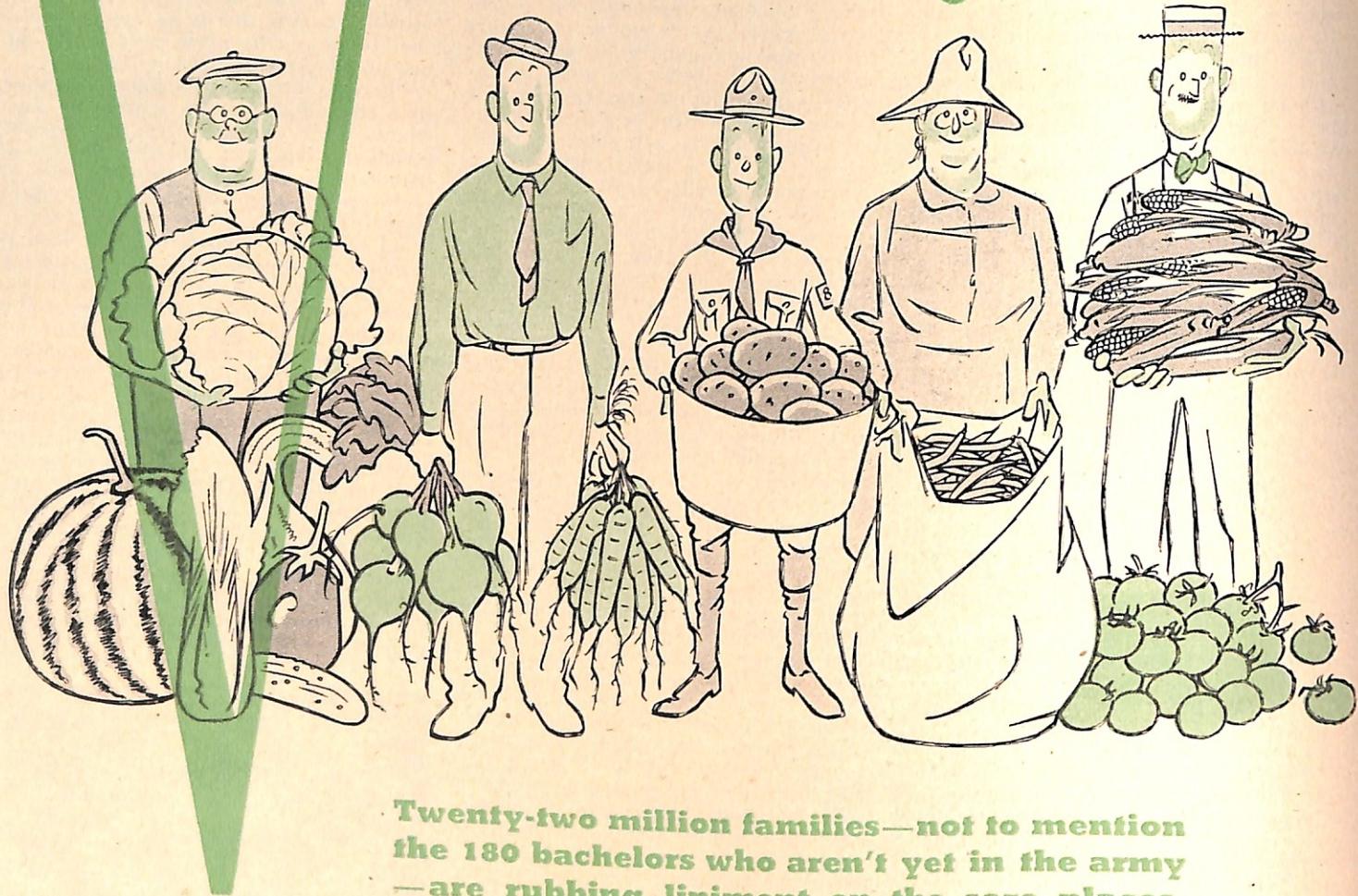
There is reason to suspect, further, that the good players would be hurt where they live—in the hip pocket, which is the seat of the wallet—if teams were disbanded at the end of each season and assembled the next year. Take the hypothetical what-could-be of Joe Gordon, the best second baseman in the business until he went into the Army. Gordon, after a sensational year, demands \$25,000 from the Yankees. There is a wrangle about it and both sides refuse to compromise.

Gordon shops around and discovers no other team is willing to pay that money. The Yankees, in the meantime, have decided that they can win the pennant with Bobby Doerr, a very good man, playing second base and they hire him for \$15,000. Under the present system, the Yankees would have to pay approximately \$75,000 to the Red Sox for Doerr's services—if they could get him. It is more economical to give Gordon the few thousand more he wants than to shell out fifty grand.

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V is for Vegetable



Twenty-two million families—not to mention the 180 bachelors who aren't yet in the army—are rubbing liniment on the sore places.

By Kent Richards

WHEN spontaneous combustion ignited the patriotic impulses of some 20,000,000 American families last year the result was the most effective example of the power of group effort ever provided in this nation of individualists.

It was, in the Hollywood phrase, colossal.

With their natural physical vigor spurred by a mental fervor which in many cases bordered on fanaticism, the combined efforts of rich and poor, Democrats and Communists, capitalists and laborers, resulted in relieving one of the most serious shortages ever faced by a nation nurtured on abundance and believed to be unprepared for anything except pleasure.

These 20,000,000 were the Victory Gardeners—the Vee Gees—the men, women and kids who literally hoed this country into the most healthful diet in its history. They didn't get any Army-Navy E's for efficiency, nor Purple Hearts for sprained backs and high

blood pressure. But so far as the U. S. war effort is concerned, they put the big V in Vegetable and went a long way toward putting it into Victory.

And now they are doing it all over again, only bigger and better. Again in the Hollywood phrase: super-colossal. And, bandwagons being what they are, it was inevitable that several million more Americans would join up in '44 and help them do it. This year 22,000,000 families—not to mention the 180 bachelors who aren't yet in the army—are rubbing liniment on the sore places and dreaming of the bountiful harvests to come. That may not include *all* the families in the U. S., but it does add up to just about everybody who lives within a mile of any piece of ground as big as a window box.

This year the Vee Gee program is much more effectively organized, is surpassingly efficient and will undoubtedly top by a considerable amount the pipe

dream record which came to reality last year.

That this outstanding achievement involving nearly three-fourths of our families has been given almost no national attention in a country that spills headlines when a measly 100,000 people attend a football game is doubtless because our interest has been so constantly focused on Europe, the Pacific and Washington that we haven't really taken a look at what was happening, literally, in our own back yards.

Last year's record and the program for this year deal with more of those astronomical figures which have been so often applied to taxes, lend-lease, tons of bombs and the gallons of petroleum it takes to win a war that they have lost much of their significance. The words million and billion are no longer potent while trillion is still beyond our comprehension. Nevertheless the huge quantity of produce delivered to the eager stomachs of the Nation cannot be more effectively expressed than in

terms of simple arithmetic: in 1943 the demon Vee Gees produced in small gardens some 16,000,000,000 pounds of the stuff that is good for us. That was just about half of all the vegetables produced, eaten and preserved in the country last year. For a group which, except for farmers, consisted wholly of amateurs, that is quite a record. If several million amateurs had given their spare time to dig out half the coal we consumed, or to produce half the beef we eat or the airplanes we need, that would have been news!

The magnitude of the job may be breathtaking, but even more remarkable, perhaps, is the fact that, except for investment in War Bonds, this represents the only war-time civilian effort which has not come in for some severe and justifiable criticism. The Vee Gees made many mistakes; they caused some waste. But compared with just about every other major civilian effort since Pearl Harbor, it was a model of efficiency and cooperation. The results and methods might be studied with profit by those government experts in civilian cooperation who currently are bogged down trying to induce people to work together for everything from rationing to war goods production.

The Victory Gardener's mistakes of last year, based mainly on ignorance and over-enthusiasm, have been largely corrected. What the Vee Gee who failed last year didn't learn by experience is now being spoon-fed to him by his more capable neighbors. Last year one dimwitted vegetable impresario walked into a seed store and ordered a couple of pounds of carrot seed, two pounds of beet seed, three pounds of radish seed and a couple of pounds of lettuce seed as a beginner for the victory garden. Another lady bought a peck of seed potatoes and later came back and complained that she had cut half of them open and hadn't found a single seed. If incidents of this kind occur again the National Victory Garden Institute and a half dozen or more satellite organizations which have spear-

Illustrated
By
GEORGE
PRICE

Beware of chemical farming. Look at the trouble a simple tomato plant caused.

headed the Vee Gee program will hang their corporate heads in shame. It isn't likely they will need to, however. Today's man with a hoe knows a pea from a peanut and could discuss spinach with Popeye, and Jerusalem artichokes in Palestine.

Various explanations have been given by one gardener or another for the success of the program. Most of them have been too close to the job to make a sound appraisal. There have been just two fundamental reasons.

The first of these is the almost irresistible magnetism which the soil has for men who are not farmers. Just as every male who has not had to resort to monkey glands fancies himself a lady killer, so does every male this side of a wheel chair consider himself superior

to anyone else who ever tried to grow things. This belief in non-existent natural gifts comes from the same root which prompts many mature men who were born and raised in large cities to endow themselves in a rural background. They want to have been barefoot and to have had their red lips redder still, kissed by strawberries they tend to imagine they once ate on some hill.

Therefore literally millions of males turned to the problem of coaxing almost unlimited quantities of vegetables up out of the soil with a will which they would not have been caught dead putting into, say, sheep shearing, or cotton picking. Victory Gardening provided them with a golden opportunity to prove to their wives that the instinct for the soil was born in them. And, what is more important, they could prove it without looking silly.

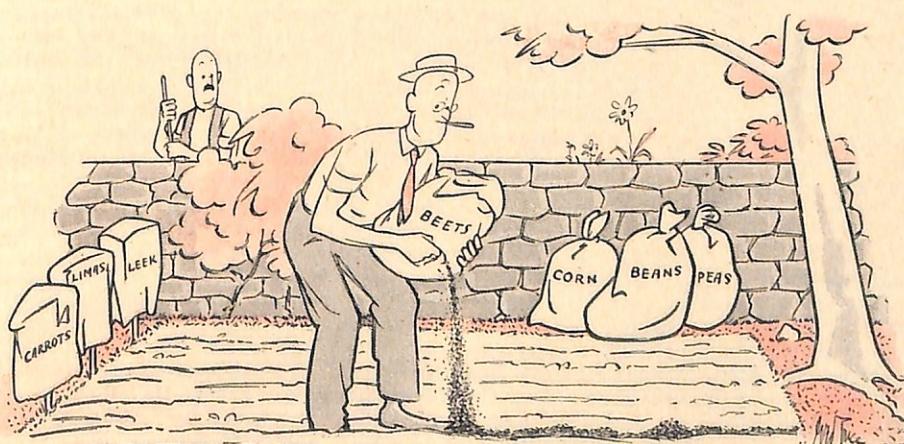
No neighbor was going to say, "I see Jones has to raise his own vegetables. Must not be doing very well."

The neighbor was much more likely to mumble, "So Jones is going to do a garden. Huh! I'll show him."

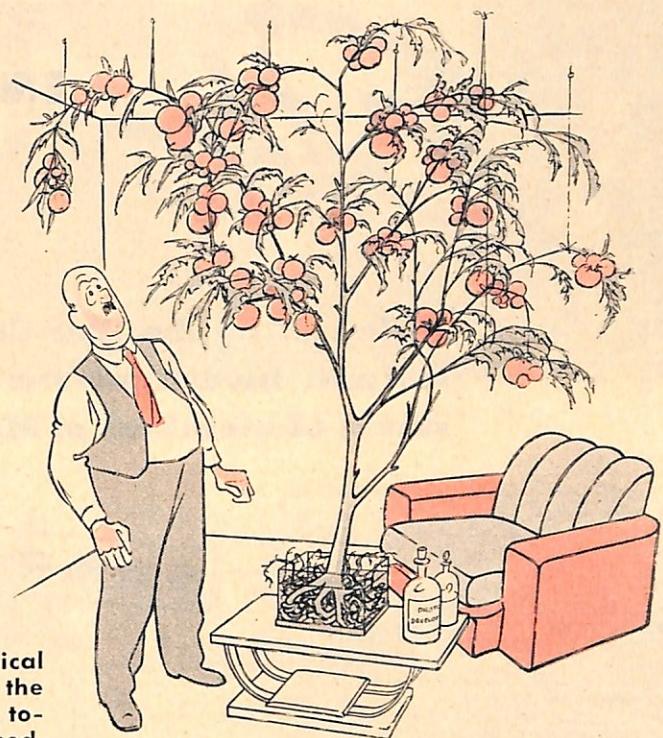
That is the first reason why 1943 was a year of plenty instead of one of serious want.

The second reason for the success of the Victory Gardens is simply that the darn things, like Topsy, "just growed". A seed is a mighty thing, a minutiae of infinite power, as the poet man once said. It will take a lot of beating before it gives up and says to hell with it. This unfailing fact of nature combined with man's unfailing ego to produce 16,000,000,000 extra but vital pounds of vegetables in 1943. This year the combination is counted on for 20,000,000,000 pounds. Already it is under way. Tril-

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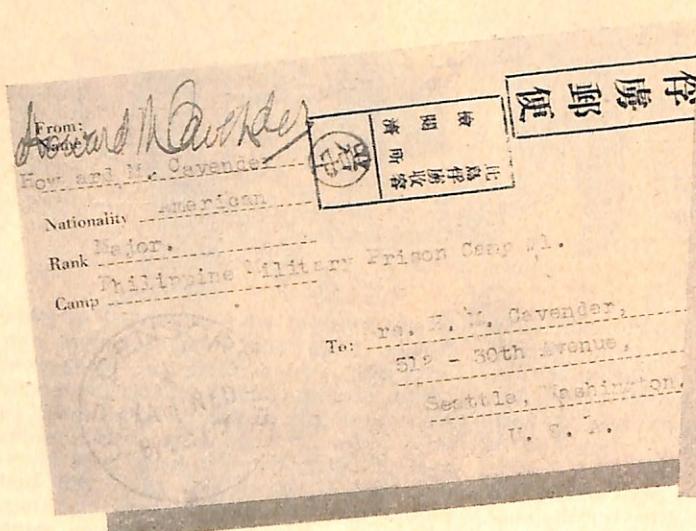


One dimwitted vegetable impresario ordered a couple of pounds of carrot seed, two pounds of beet seed, etc., for a plot the size of a table top.



THE Elks IN THE WAR

A Report by the War Commission on its inquiries and investigations regarding the present status of members of Manila and Agana Lodges.



IMPERIAL JAPANESE ARMY

1. I am interned at THE PHILIPPINE MILITARY PRISON CAMP #1.
2. My health is — excellent; good; fair; poor.
3. I am — uninjured; sick in hospital; under treatment; not under treatment.
4. I am — improving; not improving; better; well.
5. Please see that YOU CONTACT MR. DOLLAR IF HELP IS NEEDED.
is taken care of.
6. (Re: Family) MY PRAYERS ARE FOR YOU, CHILDREN, AND RELATIVES AND FRIENDS, LOVE TO ALL.
7. Please give my best regards to EVERYBODY.

THE fate of members of Manila Lodge No. 761 (Philippine Islands) and of Agana Lodge No. 1281 (Guam Island) is of deep concern to every member of the Order. As a result of inquiries made by the Elks War Commission during the past two years, only 32 members of Manila Lodge and 14 members of Agana Lodge are still "unreported".

Of the 382 members of Manila Lodge who were on *The Elks Magazine* mailing list in December, 1941, 276 are reported to be interned or imprisoned by the Japanese. Twenty-two are deceased, and five others are reported as deceased but the facts are unconfirmed. Eight have been repatriated and 31 others of the 382 reported to have been in Manila at the outbreak of war, were found to be living in the United States, in addition to eight others who are safe and living outside the United States. Other Manila members who were living in the States before Pearl Harbor numbered 92.

Fifty-seven of the 76 members of Agana Lodge who were caught on Guam when war broke out are interned in Japanese camps. Two died in prison camps and three others are reported "missing". Seventy-one members of Agana Lodge left Guam before the war and are living in this country.

Unfortunately, there is little hope at present that contact can be established with interned members of Manila and Agana Lodges by means of regular correspondence or shipments of comforts and supplies. Despite repeated proposals from the United States Government, the Japanese authorities have shown practically no disposition to cooperate even to the extent of permitting the delivery of supplies through a neutral power.

Fairly encouraging reports as to the treatment of Ameri-

can internees and prisoners of war have been received from neutral sources. Although American internees are undergoing hardships and privations, food is reported to be relatively life-sustaining if not entirely adequate.

While there is little hope at present for another exchange of internees between the United States and Japan or that the Japanese will modify their restrictions on the distribution of mail, supplies or funds to internees and prisoners of war, the Elks War Commission is keeping a watchful eye open for any favorable developments that will offer an opportunity for the B.P.O.E., through the Commission, to be of direct service to its imprisoned members.

In securing information regarding the present status of our interned Brothers, the Commission has had the efficient and sympathetic cooperation of the Red Cross, the Provost Marshal General of the Army Service Forces, and the society known as Relief for Americans in the Philippines, whose executive secretary is Mrs. Howard Cavender, the wife of Major Cavender, a Past Exalted Ruler of Manila Lodge, and now a prisoner of war in Camp No. 1, Philippine Islands.

Members of both lodges who were living in this country prior to the war, as well as repatriates from Manila, have also given the Commission valuable information.

The Elks War Commission is continuing its inquiries and investigations regarding the present status of members of Manila and Agana Lodges, and of the treatment being received by internees.

Letters have been mailed to all prisoners whose addresses are known and the Commission will direct its effort toward establishing and maintaining contacts by mail, for the present, and by shipments of comforts and supplies whenever this service becomes possible.



Above: Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan is photographed with Lodge officers and a class of candidates initiated into Florence, S. C., Lodge during his visit there.

Under the ANTLERS



**News of Subordinate Lodges
Throughout the Order**



BALTIMORE, MD. Elks Blood Donor Day was observed in Baltimore late in January. Members of Baltimore Lodge No. 7, with their families, visited the headquarters of the Red Cross Army and Navy Blood Donor Project in groups of seven, the capacity load of a station wagon which shuttled back and forth all day between the Red Cross Center and the lodge home.

E.R. Charles A. Hook was one of the first of several hundred members who arrived at headquarters during the morning. After they had given their blood and received the ministrations of nurses, the donors were returned to the lodge home to enjoy the pleasant atmosphere and entertainment arranged by Frank H. Durkee, Chairman of the Donor Day Committee.

TAMPA, FLA. An unusually eventful meeting was held recently by Tampa Lodge No. 708. The number of Elks assembled in the lodge room was said to be the largest in the lodge's history. Past Grand Exalted Ruler David Sholtz, of Daytona Beach Lodge, representing the Elks War Commission, presented Awards of Merit to ten members of No. 708 for meritorious service in obtaining Army Engineers and Navy Seabees.

Another presentation was made during the meeting—a check to J. Edwin Baker, of West Palm Beach Lodge, Superintendent of the Harry-Anna Home for Crippled Children, at Umatilla, which is maintained by the Elks of Florida. This raised to \$4,000 the total sum contributed to the institution by Tampa Lodge since April 1, 1943. Still another was the presentation by E.R. J. Frank Umstot to Mr. Sholtz of a \$1,200 check from Tampa Lodge to the Elks War Commission.

GLENDALE, CALIF. On Saturday, February 26, Glendale Lodge No. 1289 was added to the list of lodges that have burned their mortgages and are now free of debt on their buildings. A mortgage-burning party was held to celebrate the event, starting with a barbecue at 5:30 p. m. More than 500 members and visiting Elks enjoyed the barbecue and later attended the special lodge meeting, fea-

Left, above: E.R. G. E. Taylor witnesses the presentation of a check for \$2,000 by Secy. C. P. Truesdell to E. S. Fraser to open and equip the teen-age recreation center "Re-danga" of Centralia, Wash.

Left: Among those who attended Schenectady, N. Y., Lodge's 45th Anniversary celebration were, top row, left to right: State Secy. Thomas F. Cuite, State Pres. Michael J. Gilday, and E.R. Jay H. Zeh; bottom row, Judges James T. Hallinan, John Alexander and Murray Hulbert.

Right: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson; State Vice-Pres. Dr. M. M. Archer; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, and State Pres. Dr. H. J. Raley are seated before State Elk dignitaries at the Ill. Northwest District meeting in Rock Island.

tured by the mortgage-burning ceremony and a speech made by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon. Exalted Ruler John E. Michelmores presided. Albert D. Pearce, Exalted Ruler of No. 1289 in 1917 when the beautiful home was erected, gave a short talk, describing the difficulties encountered in arranging for and constructing the building, and touching on a few highlights of the lodge's history. Walter L. Sisson, Chairman of the Board of Trustees, told of the Trustees' long-range planning that had culminated in the paying off of the mortgage.

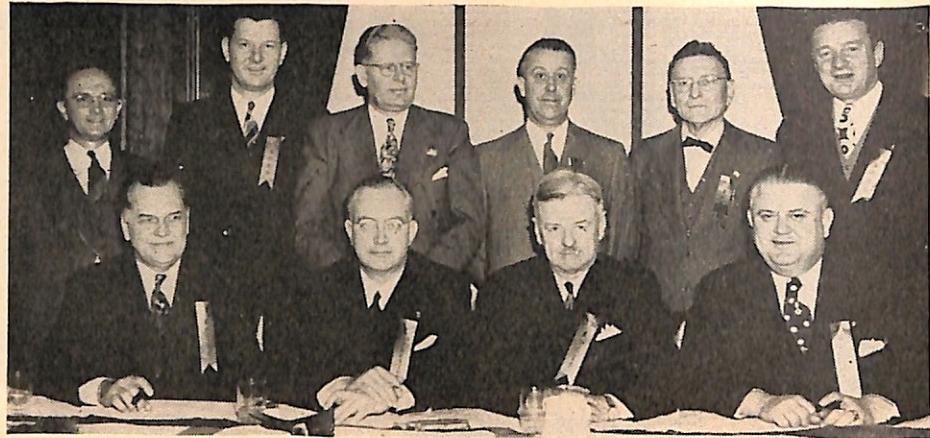
Owen O. Keown, of Santa Monica Lodge, District Deputy for the California South Central District, complimented the lodge on its progress. Mr. Shannon was introduced by Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight George D. Hastings, P.E.R. of Glendale Lodge. In his address, Mr. Shannon spoke on the origin of the Order, the part played by the Elks in World War I, and their activities in the present world conflict. Many other dignitaries of the Order were present, including L. A. Lewis, of Anaheim Lodge, a member of the Grand Forum and a Past President of the California State Elks Association. A professional vaudeville show completed the program.

CHILLICOTHE, O. Members of Chillicothe Lodge No. 52, honoring "their own Bob Dunkle", P.E.R. Robert W. Dunkle, Pres. of the Ohio State Elks Assn., at a recent testimonial dinner, were joined in the demonstration of respect and affection by Elks from all parts of Ohio. All available seating space in the large auditorium was taken up by what was probably the greatest outpouring of Elks in the 58-year history of the lodge. Five hundred and fifty members of the Order, with their wives and friends, were present.

Introduced by Toastmaster Russell Batteiger, Secretary of No. 52, Mr. Dunkle expressed appreciation of the tribute paid him, declaring that the gesture of good fellowship would live ever in his memory. He spoke also of the backing accorded him by his lodge, the coop-

Right are the officers of Fitchburg, Mass., Lodge who recently won the Massachusetts State Ritualistic Championship.

Below are Elk officials of New Jersey who attended a party held in Passaic, N. J., by State Vice-Pres. William J. Frankovic and the members of the Ritualistic Committee, on the completion of their visits to lodges in the Northeast District.



eration given him by his associate officers in the State Association, and the splendid manner in which the Order, through the exemplification of its cardinal principles, is meeting the challenge presented by a turbulent world.

Among those who came to honor the first state president to be elected from the membership of No. 52 were Charles D. Duncan, a charter member, and Harry W. Chapman, the lodge's oldest Past Exalted Ruler. Also present were Mr. Dunkle's wife and his mother; Vice-Pres.'s Joseph W. Fitzgerald, Canton, and John Maurer, Middletown, Secy. Harry D. Hale, Newark, Treas. William Petri, Cincinnati, Past Pres.'s Fred L. Bohn, Zanesville, a member of the Grand Lodge Antlers Council, John F. Fussinger, Cincinnati, and Colonel C. W. Wallace, Secretary of Columbus Lodge, Publicity Chairman Joseph Kleinfelter, New Washington, and Activities Chairman Garcia Bruce, Jackson, representing the State Association; James M. Lynch, Secy. of the Ohio P.E.R.'s Assn., and P.E.R. Everett Miller and O. A. Overly, Chillicothe, who were in charge of the banquet arrangements.

STERLING, ILL. When recently nearly 250 members of Sterling Lodge No. 1218 celebrated payment of the final instalment of the debt on their lodge home,

mortgage-burning ceremonies were held. Trustee Lyle B. Wilcox and Secretary John Morganridge officiated. The guest speaker, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, of Dixon Lodge No. 779, delivered a spirited patriotic address.

Groups of old-timers enjoyed reminiscences of the old days. Among those introduced were George Greenough, who pioneered in obtaining the lodge's charter, the first secretary, Frank B. Kennedy, and charter member Howard Geyer, holder of Card No. 1. Also introduced were Frank P. White, of Oak Park Lodge, Executive Secretary of the Illinois State Elks Crippled Children's Commission, and visiting members of Dixon Lodge, including E.R. Gerald Jones and P.E.R. Ralph Zarger.

Before the ceremonies, E.R. William L. Doyle paid tribute to all who worked so faithfully to free the lodge of its indebtedness. Special praise was given Secretary Morganridge for his administrative direction of the campaign for cancellation of the mortgage.

HOUSTON, TEX. Houston Lodge No. 151 stretched its "Mile of Dimes" this year to approximately two and one-half miles in the greatest showing in its history. The famous Mile is staged annually on Houston's main street, where the dimes are displayed in gleaming





Above: Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner was among the visiting Elk dignitaries who attended the mortgage burning ceremony at Fort Dodge, Ia., Lodge recently.



Left: Organized in 1938, Coalinga, Calif., Lodge has assets of \$25,000 and recently burned the mortgage on its home.

rows. More than \$22,000 was realized, the entire proceeds to be used for the purchase of shoes and clothing for Houston's underprivileged school children, as all operating and administrative expenses of the drive are paid by the lodge. *The Houston Post* and the local branch of the Salvation Army were participating sponsors.

The drive was launched with a mammoth parade, and an impetus was given by a visit made by Governor Coke Stevenson, who is himself a member of the Order. The Governor laid his own dimes on the line and gave a brief but spirited address.

Three squads of Elks, working outside the line, were highly successful in obtaining donations. Acting as captains in the drive were two veterans of many World Series, Gus Mancuso, catcher for the New York Giants, and Harry Gumbert, pitcher for the St. Louis Cardinals, members of No. 151. Esteemed Leading Knight C. L. Rice was Chairman of the campaign, and his direction was so outstanding that, at a subsequent meeting, the Exalted Ruler of the lodge, Dr. E. L. Valenta, presented him with a handsome brief case on behalf of the members.

SAN DIEGO, CALIF. In constant use are the reading, writing and game rooms open to service men in the home of San

Diego Lodge No. 168. Semimonthly dances for service men and many other activities such as assisting in War Bond drives, collecting magazines for distribution in the Pacific battle area, providing entertainment for hospital patients and donating blood to the blood plasma bank, are conducted by the lodge.

Open House is held every Sunday for men and women of the Armed Forces, with an amateur hour once a month as an added attraction. Prizes are awarded and according to Exalted Ruler William W. Brunson, some splendid talent has been uncovered among the service men and women. The Sunday affairs draw larger crowds every week. Recreation officers at the various camps and training stations in the San Diego area are cooperating.

On a recent visit, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, of Los Angeles, Assistant Secretary and Assistant Treasurer of the National Memorial and Publication Commission, inspected the Fraternal Center operated by San Diego Lodge. Mr. Shannon was accompanied by L. A. Lewis, P.E.R. of Anaheim, Calif., Lodge, a member of the Grand Forum, and both distinguished Elks were taken to several military establishments in and around San Diego by E.R. Brunson and P.E.R.'s Morley H. Golden and A. George Fish. Later, Mr. Shannon spoke.

WATERVLIET, N. Y. The esteem in which he is held by members of the 15 lodges of the New York, Northeast, District, was shown recently when District Deputy George J. Halpin paid his homecoming visit to Watervliet Lodge No. 1500. All of the Exalted Rulers in the District attended, and with no exceptions all were accompanied by delegations. To accommodate the crowd, the bowling alleys were covered as, long before the meeting, the main rooms were filled to overflowing.

Among the prominent guests were Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, who was the principal speaker, George I. Hall, Lynbrook, N. Y., Chairman of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee, Thomas F. Cuite, Brooklyn, N. Y., Secretary of the New York State Elks Association, Judge John F. Scileppi, Queens Borough, Chairman of the State Association's State-wide Slipper Campaign, and State President Michael J. Gilday, of New Rochelle, N. Y., Lodge. All these and others united in extending thanks to the District Deputy for the manner in which he had conducted the affairs of his office and the progress made by the lodges of the District under his leadership. The inspiration he imparted to his own lodge brought forth splendid efforts. One result is the largest increase in membership and number of reinstatements in many years. Mr. Halpin was the recipient of numerous gifts, attesting his popularity. A desk set was presented to him on behalf of the members of Watervliet Lodge who accompanied him on all his official visitations.

Below: Old Timers of Kenosha, Wis., Lodge who were honored recently.



Right are the officers of Ionia, Mich., Lodge with D.D. Edwin P. Breen, on the occasion of his official visit to that lodge.

FLORA, ILL. Flora Lodge No. 1659 was instituted in the new gymnasium of the high school on Washington's Birthday. State President Dr. H. J. Raley, E.R. of Harrisburg Lodge No. 1058, was the officiating officer. The degree work in the initiation of more than 100 candidates was performed by members of Olney Lodge No. 926. District Deputy H. L. Pitner, of Fairfield, and Frank P. White, of Oak Park Lodge, Executive Secretary of the Illinois State Elks Crippled Children's Commission, were present. Fairfield, Olney, Effingham, Carmi, Harrisburg, Mount Carmel, Lawrenceville and Mattoon, Ill., Lodges were represented by delegations.

The growth and success of Flora Lodge seems assured. Every member of the large class initiated is a substantial citizen; the staff of officers selected to guide the lodge through its first year is excellent. Results of the election, held immediately after the initiatory ceremonies, were as follows: E.R., Clarence T. Smith; Est. Lead. Knight, R. J. Burgermeister; Est. Loyal Knight, Ralph Omohundro; Est. Lect. Knight, Kenneth Brentlinger; Secy., Ernest Taylor; Treas., H. D. Friend; Tiler, Lewis Brisson; Trustees, Leo R. Allen, Arthur Holt and R. S. Jones. The appointed officers are Ralph G. Meyer, Esquire; Fred Chaney, Inner Guard; R. J. Cunningham, Chaplain.

In his official capacity as President of the Illinois State Elks Association, Dr. Raley attended the annual midwinter roundup of Elks at Champaign two weeks before the ceremonies at Flora. Dr. Robert S. Barrett, candidate for election to the office of Grand Exalted Ruler for 1944-45, was the guest speaker.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y. A fighter plane will be named for Ogdensburg Lodge No. 772 as the result of the local War Bond Drive put on by the Elks during the recent campaign. When it was all over, P.E.R. Erwin Chilton, Chairman of the committee of 21 members, reported sales of \$185,000, nearly double the goal.

Mercury in the "thermometer" at the lodge home, set up to register sales, soared higher and higher as several novel features turned on the heat. Climaxing the campaign was the Elks' Radio Quiz, put on with the cooperation of the local radio station. Questions were se-



lected from those sent in by the public and also accepted from the audience. During the evening, an alarm clock, set secretly, went off, and the lodge presented a War Bond to the person whose question happened to be under discussion at the time the alarm sounded. Nine Elks acted as "experts", and whenever, within a minute, one missed up on an answer, the lodge bought a Bond in the amount of the questioner's pledge. An idea originated by Albert Newell, a member, was carried out—the presentation to members in the Services of beautifully engraved certificates showing that \$500 in Bonds had been purchased in their honor. Mr. Newell financed the engraving.

On Past Exalted Rulers Night, E.R. Ralph R. McLear turned the meeting over to P.E.R. Herbert L. McCarter, D.D. for New York, North Central. The initiation of 14 candidates brought the membership up to 699, believed to be the highest in the history of the lodge.

ELKS NATIONAL HOME. The Home Lodge at Bedford, Va., installed its officers for the ensuing year on Monday evening, April 3. The meeting drew a capacity crowd and was thoroughly enjoyable. The installing officer, P.D.D. J. Bell Smith, P.E.R. of Fremont, O., Lodge, was praised highly for his efficient handling of the ritualistic work. The officers, elected and appointed, are as fol-

lows: E.R., Daniel F. Edgington, Wichita, Kans.; Est. Lead. Knight, Arthur W. Johnson, P.E.R., Chicago Lodge No. 4; Est. Loyal Knight, Robert M. Navin, Peru, Ind.; Est. Lect. Knight, John A. Peters, Des Moines, Ia.; Secy., George Wolfe, Bluefield, W. Va.; Treas., Harry M. Sanders, Tulsa, Okla.; Esquire, Edward E. Otten, P.E.R., Allegheny, Pa.; Inner Guard, James D. Cameron, Bay City, Mich.; Tiler, William L. Smith, Sr., Bedford, Ind.; Chaplain, Charles L. Smith, P.E.R., Eau Claire, Wis.; Organist, David Fraser, P.E.R., Monessen, Pa.; Soloist, Anthony F. Pelstring, Ashland, Pa. This is Mr. Edgington's seventh term as Exalted Ruler. To him the affairs of the Home Lodge are of paramount importance, and in all of his administrations his work has been consistently fine.

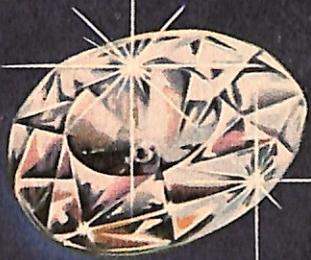
At the close of the lodge meeting, a farewell reception was given Mrs. Blanche Listo, who had been a nurse in the Home Hospital for the past 15 years and was retiring on account of the illness of her mother. Mrs. Listo was presented with a large bouquet of roses and a poetic tribute beautifully engrossed by Edmond Mueller, a member of the Order. Appreciation of her capability and kindness was expressed by Mr. Edgington, Thomas McGrew, of Washington, D. C., Lodge, and many others. Mrs. Listo took affectionate leave of her old friends and promised to visit the Home frequently.



Right: The Volunteer Fire Department of Jamestown, N. D., whose members are affiliated with our Order.

Below are the Past Exalted Rulers who were present at Yonkers, N. Y., Lodge to celebrate P.E.R.'s Night recently.





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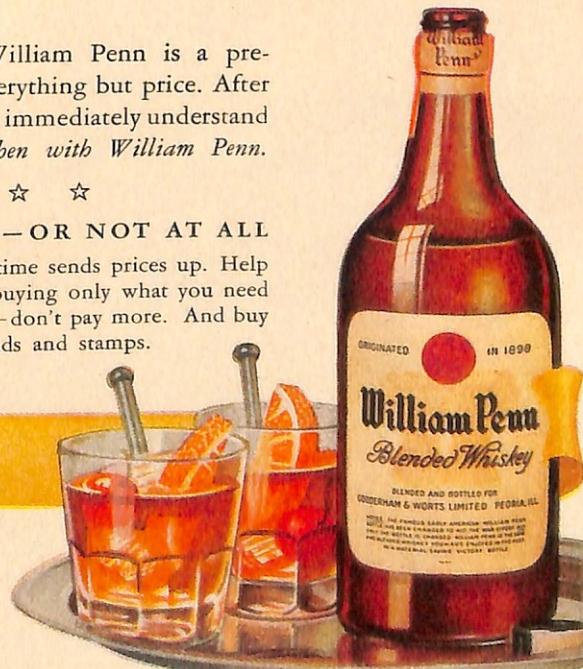
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Above is a photograph taken at the presentation of an orthopedic table by Lewiston, Me., Lodge to St. Mary's Hospital.



Left: The Friday Night Bowling Club of Paterson, N. J., Lodge celebrated its 30th Anniversary recently.

SANTA MARIA, CALIF. A three-day celebration of its freedom from debt was inaugurated by Santa Maria Lodge No. 1538 on Thursday, March 16. A fine dinner preceded a rousing lodge session during which mortgage-burning ceremonies were held. Approximately 300 Elks were present in the lodge and club rooms that evening. The attendance included many distinguished California Elks, among

whom were Past Grand Exalted Ruler Michael F. Shannon, of Los Angeles Lodge, District Deputy Dr. Benjamin F. Loveall, San Luis Obispo, F. E. Dayton, Salinas, and Howard B. Kirtland, San Luis Obispo, Past Pres.'s of the Calif. State Elks Assn., State Tiler Thomas Abbott, Los Angeles, Past District Deputy Horace R. Wisely, Salinas, P.E.R.'s V. H. Grocott, Santa Barbara, and R. J.



Craine, Hanford, State Vice-Pres., and C. J. Woodsford. A short talk given by State Chaplain Major David Todd Gillmor, of San Jose, was roundly applauded. Grand Exalted Ruler Shannon spoke at length on the start and advancement of the Order, its present activities and its future objectives.

Lodge was opened under the supervision of the chair officers and turned over later to Trustee T. A. Twitchell, P.E.R. Mr. Twitchell gave a brief history of Santa Maria Lodge and then directed charter member W. D. Lukeman to prepare and burn the papers representing an indebtedness that no longer existed.

Open house was held on Friday for Elks and their guests. A buffet supper was served and dance music provided. For members and their ladies only, a barbecue dinner was given on Saturday night, followed by dancing.

BOULDER, COLO. Boulder Lodge No. 566 initiated three classes of more than 100 members each during the fiscal year, one of 161, another of 116 and a third, on March 23, of 106, giving the lodge a net gain of nearly 400. A visitor at the March initiatory meeting was Past Grand Exalted Ruler John R. Coen, of Sterling, Colo., Lodge. Unknown to him, the class had been named the "John R. Coen Class". The new members were introduced to Mr. Coen after the ceremony, and souvenir folders were distributed.

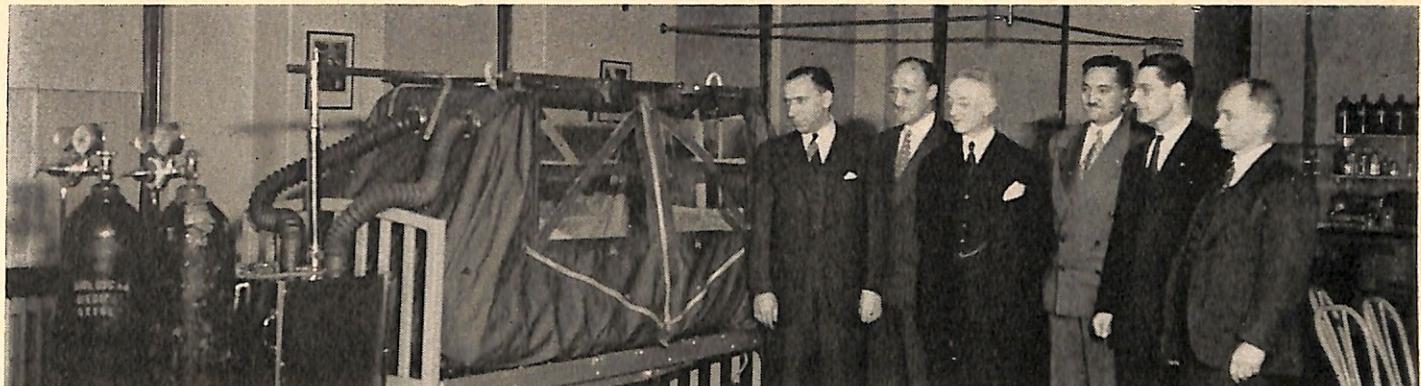
At the lodge's request, Mr. Coen presented the first and second prize winners in the local Elks National Foundation Scholarship Contest with their awards—\$25 to Miss Irene Olson and \$15 to Miss Elaine Jones.

COMPTON, CALIF. "Compton Lodge, B. P. O. E. No. 1570" is the name carried on a new Thunderbolt P-47 with which American fighter pilots will battle the enemy as the result of a War Bond selling campaign put over early last summer by Compton Lodge. The announcement was made by M. Penn



Left, above: Officers of St. Petersburg, Fla., Lodge look on with satisfaction as the mortgage on their lodge home is destroyed.

Left: Wabash, Ind., Lodge recently presented this fully equipped boat and trailer for the use of the city and county during floods and drowning emergencies.



Above: Dignitaries of Mt. Vernon, N. Y., Lodge and hospital officials view the oxygen tent and lung-motor which the Lodge presented to Mt. Vernon Hospital recently.

Right: Philip Collins presents Woodland, Calif., Lodge's check for \$1,315 to Dan Henon, Chairman of the Yolo County National Infantile Paralysis Campaign.

Phillips, Vice-Chairman of the War Finance Committee for Southern California, in a letter to E.R. Carl O. Wedberg. Richard V. Scull, Treasurer of the lodge, was chairman of the campaign, which was part of a state-wide drive held under the direction of Stephen A. Compas, of Huntington Park Lodge, Vice-Pres. of the Calif. State Elks Assn. During the local campaign, in which the members cooperated with their leaders to the fullest extent, more than \$100,000 worth of Series E Bond sales were recorded.

Another honor has been conferred upon Compton Lodge for its support of the war effort. The Elks War Commission, through its Chairman, Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, has forwarded to the lodge an Award of Merit Certificate in acknowledgement of the recent activities of its members in connection with the national recruiting campaigns for men to serve in the various branches of the United States Army and Navy.



HACKENSACK, N. J. Hackensack Lodge No. 658 initiated a class of sixteen recently, with E.R. William J. Sinniger presiding over the last full session of his administration. A delayed presentation of a Certificate of Merit Award from the Grand Lodge for service in the Navy Recruiting Program was made to P.E.R. Arthur L. Springsteen, and J. Hanselman, a member, in accordance with an annual custom observed by him for a number of years, presented the lodge with a \$50 check as a personal gift to the Crippled Kiddies Fund. The entire proceeds of a card party, given on another occasion under the auspices of the Women's Auxiliary of Hackensack Lodge, were used for the benefit of crippled children. Two \$25 War Bonds were awarded as prizes in a drawing held during the party.

At a previous meeting, the lodge celebrated its 43rd anniversary and initiated its "Spirit of '76 Class". This was the largest ever inducted in the present lodge home. With the addition of the 27 members of the Class, the enrollment reached 610. P.E.R. Lance J. Morton, Exalted Ruler of No. 658 during World War I, and District Deputy Eugene G. McDermott, of Union City Lodge, were speakers.

SCHENECTADY, N. Y. Schenectady Lodge No. 480 observed its 45th anniversary on April 4. A feature of the meeting, attended by nearly 300, was the burning of a mortgage which cleared up about \$42,000 against the property. E.R. Jay H. Zeh and Trustee Burton Dingman officiated.

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Below are some of the members of Oak Park, Ill., Lodge who attended the meeting held in honor of Pete Smith, a 25-year member of that Lodge.





Above is photographed the class of candidates which was initiated into Terre Haute, Ind., Lodge on the occasion of the official visit of Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan.

GRAND EXALTED RULER'S *Visit*

RICHMOND, CALIF., LODGE, NO. 1251, was signally honored when it was privileged to act as host to Grand Exalted Ruler Frank J. Lonergan during his visit to lodges of the East Bay region. The Exalted Rulers of Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda, Napa, Vallejo and Pittsburgh Lodges, with their staffs and delegations of members, attended the meeting held on January 13. President Clifford C. Ang-

lim, of Richmond Lodge, and other officers of the California State Elks Association, District Deputy Roy G. Hudson, Berkeley, and P.E.R. Charles C. Bradley, of Portland, Ore., Lodge, Secretary to the Grand Exalted Ruler, were among those present.

Prior to the lodge session, Mr. Lonergan was entertained at dinner at the Hotel Carquinez. This was a delightful

affair, with Mr. Anglim acting as Toastmaster. After the dinner, the Grand Exalted Ruler spoke before one of the largest audiences of Elks ever assembled in the lodge room. Mr. Lonergan has impressed all members of the Order, and others who have listened to or read his messages, with his principles of patriotic Americanism and fraternalism, and many of these principles were brought out pointedly and forcefully in his speech that evening.

Richmond Lodge has a membership of approximately 1,500, and stands high among California's many fine lodges. One of its Past Exalted Rulers is State President Anglim, and Secretary Edgar W. Dale is, and has been for several years, Secretary of the California State Elks Association. A great deal of thought was given by the lodge beforehand to plans for Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan's visitation. The program was neither too elaborate nor inadequate, but "just right", and it was carried through with the greatest degree of success. The event

Below: The Grand Exalted Ruler puts the flame to the mortgage on the home of Holyoke, Mass., Lodge during the Lodge's 40th Anniversary celebration.





Above, left to right: State Pres. W. P. Hession; Past Grand Exalted Ruler Raymond Benjamin; C. C. Bradley, Secy. to the Grand Exalted Ruler; Mr. Lonergan; Past Grand Exalted Ruler John F. Malley; James L. McGovern, member of the Grand Lodge Activities Committee; Grand Treasurer John F. Burke; Congressman Joseph Talbot, and William T. Phillips, former chairman of the Board of Grand Trustees, at the dinner given for Mr. Lonergan by the Connecticut State Elks Assn.

Right: Mr. Lonergan attends a banquet given by Albuquerque, N. M., Lodge.

has brought about an even more than usual interest in the local lodge as an organization in the community and has also tended to increase the efforts of the district lodges in win-the-war requirements and fraternal progress.

Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan was a guest of the MASSACHUSETTS STATE ELKS ASSOCIATION at a reception and dinner on February 14, commemorating the seventy-sixth anniversary of the founding of the Order. The main ballroom of the Hotel Statler in Boston was taxed to capacity with an attendance of more than 1,100 Elks and their ladies. Representatives of the 60 lodges of the State were present to greet the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party, which included his secretary, Charles C. Bradley, P.E.R. of Portland, Ore., Lodge; Past Grand Exalted Rulers J. E. Masters, of Chicago, Ill., Grand Secretary, John F. Malley, Springfield, Mass., Lodge, Henry C. Warner, Dixon, Ill., Joseph G. Buch, Trenton, N. J., and E. Mark Sullivan, Boston; Grand Tiler John T. Nelson, Barre, Vt.; John E. Mullen, Providence, R.I., a member of the Grand Lodge Committee on Judiciary; James L. McGovern, Bridgeport, Conn., a member of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge; John J. Horan, Manchester, N. H., a member of the Grand Lodge Au-



diting Committee; William H. Kelly, East Orange, N. J., former Chairman of the Lodge Activities Committee of the Grand Lodge, and Past Grand Esteemed Loyal Knight Riley C. Bowers, of Montpelier, Vt., Lodge. State President James A. Bresnahan, Fitchburg, welcomed the gathering. The four District Deputies of Massachusetts, William F. Hogan, Everett, Northeast District, Peter G. Leger, Milford, Central District, Barney J. Michelman, Greenfield, West District, and Elmer A. E. Richards, Hyannis, Southeast District, and Jarvis Hunt, President of the Massachusetts State Senate, attended. Governor Leverett Saltonstall, a member of Newton Lodge, extended the greetings of the Commonwealth, and the welcome to the city was given by Mayor Maurice J. Tobin, of Boston Lodge. Mayor Charles A. Ross, E.R. of Quincy Lodge No. 943, was Toastmaster, and the invocation was given by State Chaplain Fred N. Krim, Quincy. The General Committee was in charge of General Chairman Harry A. McGrath, P.E.R. of Winchester, Mass.,

Below: The Grand Exalted Ruler is photographed with members of Daytona Beach, Fla., Lodge.

Lodge. Also present at the banquet were Mrs. Rain, widow of Past Grand Exalted Ruler Frank L. Rain, Mrs. Warner and Mrs. Kelly. Mr. Lonergan's address, in which he urged unstinted sacrifice on the part of every citizen in the prosecution of the war, was acclaimed.

The Nicholson Trophy for ritualistic excellence, named for Past Grand Exalted Ruler James R. Nicholson, and competed for annually by the lodges of Massachusetts, was presented to the winning lodge, Fitchburg No. 847, by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Warner. On behalf of the Association, President Bresnahan presented Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan with a gift of War Bonds. The Eleven O'Clock Toast was given by P.E.R. William A. Gavin, of Haverhill, Mass., Lodge. While in Boston, the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party visited BOSTON LODGE NO. 10, the Mother Lodge of New England. On the 15th he visited EVERETT, MASS., LODGE, NO. 642, en route for PORTSMOUTH, N. H., LODGE, NO. 97, where he met with the Portsmouth officers and discussed the war program of the Order and was a guest at a delightful New England lobster luncheon. His visit to PORTLAND, ME., LODGE, NO. 188, was reported in our May issue.

More than 400 members of the Order



turned out for the Grand Exalted Ruler's official visitation to **MENDOTA, ILL., LODGE, NO. 1212**, on March 10. Mr. Lonergan arrived in the afternoon. He was met by a committee of officers headed by Chairman O. J. Ellingen, a former member of the Grand Lodge Auditing Committee, taken on a tour of the city, and then escorted to the lodge home and shown what was formerly the regular lodge room but is now, thanks to Mendota Lodge, a working headquarters for the local branch of the American Red Cross.

Later, the committee escorted Mr. Lonergan to La Salle where dinner was served and the officers of La Salle-Peru Lodge No. 584 and Ottawa Lodge No. 588 had the pleasure of meeting the Grand Exalted Ruler. Many other Illinois Elks enjoyed the same privilege when the party returned to Mendota. An informal reception was held prior to the meeting which was opened by E.R. Harold J. Sonntag and his officers. After a short business session, Mr. Ellingen took over the Chair and introduced Past Grand Exalted Ruler Floyd E. Thompson, of Moline Lodge, who gave an inspiring talk. Introduced by Judge Thompson, the Grand Exalted Ruler delivered his address. The large audience was visibly affected by his eloquence and sincerity, and the members of Mendota Lodge felt very good indeed when Mr. Lonergan devoted one portion of his speech to a recital of their lodge's worthy enterprises and remarkable achievements and praised the officers and members for having established and maintained an enviable position among the lodges of the Order. The Elks' auditorium, where the meeting was held, was decorated with flowers and potted plants, specially chosen, as a compliment to the Grand Exalted Ruler, to make the setting appear as if it were on the West Coast. After Mr. Lonergan's speech, a social session was held in the basement and refreshments were served. The Grand Exalted Ruler's brother, the Rev. Joseph Lonergan, and the Rev. Joseph Zeyen, of Dubuque, Ia., who accompanied Father Lonergan to Mendota, were guests of the lodge during the visitation. Among the Illinois lodges represented were Galesburg, Kewanee, Dixon, Aurora, Ottawa, La Salle-Peru and Streator.

TERRE HAUTE, IND., LODGE, NO. 86, was host to Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan and Past Grand Exalted Ruler J. Edgar Masters, Grand Secretary, on Monday, March 13. Mr. Lonergan's official visitation was marked by special activities and the initiation of the 38 members of a class named for the late H. A. Condit, Secretary of the lodge for many years. One former member was reinstated that evening and four members from other lodges came in by transfer. The Grand Lodge officers were greeted by E.R. H. Gordon Wolfe, Secretary C. L. Shideler, and John Ennis and A. L. Robertson, officers, of No. 86, and conducted on a tour of the city and other nearby places of interest. St. Mary-of-the-Woods, Glenn Home, Elks' Rest at Highland Lawn Cemetery and the Elks' Fort Harrison Country Club were visited. The initiatory work was followed by the Grand Exalted Ruler's address, which was both serious and inspiring. The event brought to the lodge home a host of visiting Elks from many Indiana lodges and some from Illinois, Massachusetts, and Kentucky. Among the officers of the Indiana State Elks Association in attendance were Harry E. McClain, Shelbyville, President; Dr. A. A. Pielemeier, Vincennes, Vice-President; C. L. Shideler, Secretary; William J. McAvoy, Tipton, Treasurer; Walter F. Easley, Greensburg, and Jere Goodman, Linton, Trustees; Al Schlorch, South Bend, Sergeant-at-Arms, and Past Pres.'s Claude E. Thompson, Frankfort, former Chairman of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, and E. J. Julian, Vincennes. Ralph W. Gries, of Garrett, D.D. for Indiana, North Central, and P.E.R. L. A. Krebs, Indianapolis, were present. The nationally famous Indiana Elks Chanters entertained and a social session was held.

The members of **WILSON, N. C., LODGE, NO. 840**, were honored on March 16 by having the Grand Exalted Ruler as their guest. Mr. Lonergan was greeted by a committee headed by E.R. Ed. W. Davis, Vice-President-at-Large of the N. C. State Elks Assn. Later in the morning he visited the attractive home of Wilson Lodge, conferred with the officers, attended a luncheon, held a conference with Exalted Rulers, Secretaries and

representatives of 13 North Carolina lodges and attended a session of the State Association. Among those in attendance at the session were State Pres. Curtis Perkins, of Greenville Lodge, State Vice-Pres.'s Z. L. Edwards, Washington, P. C. Smith, High Point, and Mr. Davis, D.D.'s C. David Jones, Wilmington, and N. P. Mulvaney, Asheville, and P.D.D. Gayle J. Cox, Raleigh.

At a banquet honoring Mr. Lonergan, at which he delivered a stirring address, some 150 Elks from all over the State attended. Exalted Ruler Davis presided as Toastmaster. P.E.R. Larry I. Moore, Jr., delivered the address of welcome to which E.R. William A. Sams, of Asheville Lodge, responded. P.E.R. M. A. Pittman introduced District Deputy Jones, and he in turn introduced the Grand Exalted Ruler who officiated in the burning of the mortgage on the lodge home, assisted by Exalted Ruler Davis. The fine three-story building was purchased in 1941, a month after Wilson Lodge was instituted. The lodge moved in on February 17, 1942. Payment was made a few weeks before the ceremony. A reception, followed by a dance, ended the day's celebration.

Arriving on March the 17th in mid-afternoon for a visit to **FLORENCE, S. C., LODGE, NO. 1020**, Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan was met by a committee of Exalted Rulers of the South Carolina lodges. Immediately after his arrival, a meeting of Exalted Rulers and Secretaries, presided over by District Deputy J. J. Keenan, of Florence Lodge, was held in the lodge rooms. A class of candidates was initiated at the evening meeting which was followed by a reception and a dance.

Arriving at Daytona Beach, Fla., at noon on March 18, the Grand Exalted Ruler was met at the station by E.R. William H. Rosier, Jr., Est. Lead. Knight Stephen Rohatsch and Secy. W. F. Hurley, of **DAYTONA BEACH LODGE NO. 1141**, D.D. Leo Butner, Sanford, and P.D.D. Cullen H. Talton, Daytona Beach, and escorted to his headquarters at the Princess Isenna Hotel. After luncheon, Mr. Lonergan was taken for a two-hour drive. Open House was held all day and the Grand Exalted Ruler was greeted by Mayor William A. Perry and some 400 Elks. At six o'clock, together with Past Grand Esteemed Lecturing Knight I. Walter Hawkins and Peter Gessner, Sergeant-at-Arms of the Fla. State Elks Assn., both of De Land Lodge, Mr. Butner and P.D.D. M. R. Buckalew, Jr., of Cocoa Lodge, he was taken to dinner at the High Hat Club by the Daytona Beach

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Left are D.D. John O. Berg, the Grand Exalted Ruler and E.R. John G. Green, at Superior, Wis., Lodge.

Below: Mr. Lonergan is photographed with the officers of Jackson, Miss., Lodge during his recent visit.



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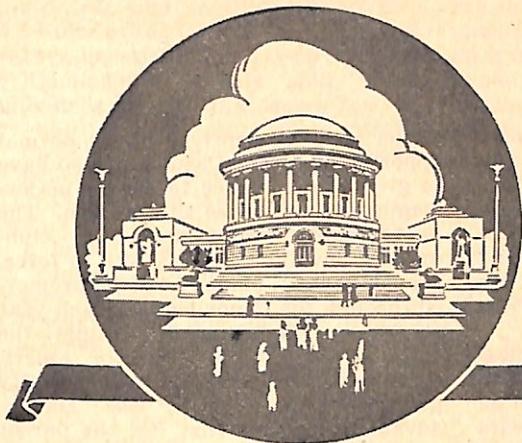
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Mr. Baseball

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All things considered, the player-owner relationship evolved through the years is the best of all possible arrangements. Although the player is deprived of some constitutional rights, he hardly is the exploited slave of bloated capital. The average pre-war salary in the major leagues was about \$6000 for seven months of work. The player's living expenses are paid for more than half the season, the hours are splendid, the profession requires no formal education and the period of apprenticeship is not too long if he has any natural ability. There are tougher ways of making a worse living. If the ball player is a peon, he is a princely peon.

But baseball executives still dread the day they will be hauled into court to defend their traditional set-up. It was upheld once—almost thirty years ago. Since then the national attitude and policy toward labor have changed radically. No one knows for sure what ruling the court may hand down in another test case. To repeat: If the decision should be adverse to the club owners, baseball would fold up as a big-business enterprise.

Landis, a distinguished jurist before baseball ever heard of him, is aware of this. He has a keen sense of social-consciousness and he knows he is living in a changing world. He realizes baseball must be prepared to prove that the players have not suffered loss of money or opportunity as a result of his loss of bargaining power.

The old gent, therefore, is the self-appointed Protector of the Princely

Peon. He is saving the club-owners from themselves by ruling consistently in favor of players in controversies with the magnates to build up a case for the game. The Judge is not pro-labor or anti-capital. He is strictly and essentially pro-baseball and in this respect he is the best and most valuable man the game ever has had.

An understanding of Landis' philosophy clarifies his opposition to farm systems, to the elimination of which he apparently has dedicated the last years of his regime. A farm system is a chain of teams in leagues of various classifications which has been established by a big-league club for the purpose of developing young players until they are ready to play on the varsity.

Before the war, the Cardinals controlled perhaps 2,000 ball players through a vast network of subsidiary teams in virtually every minor league in America. Only an infinitesimal percentage of these players could hope to play on the Cardinals' major-league roster of twenty-five men and, to tell the truth, not more than five percent was qualified for the big leagues. One of that small, talented number might have been a fine, young center fielder. At that time, though, the Cardinals had in Terry Moore the best center fielder in the National League. It would have been to the Cards' advantage to put the rookie on ice in their farm system, to cover him up, until Moore slowed down.

That is precisely the sort of thing Landis has been fighting and knocking over the head. He holds that the young

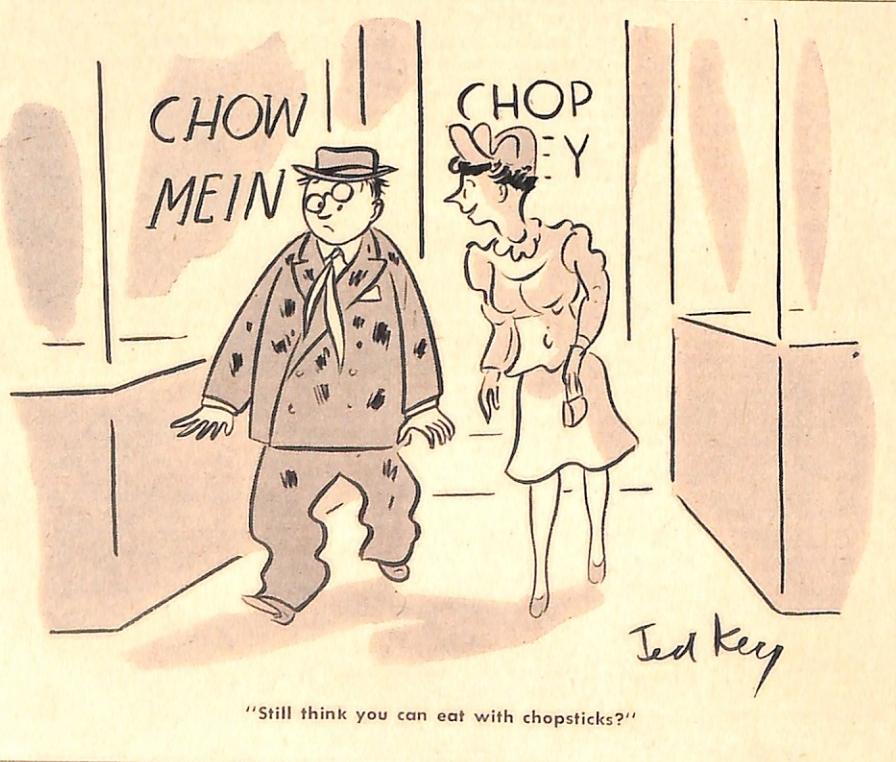
player is being deprived of his normal opportunity by the Cardinals, who have to give him a chance to earn a major-league salary or lose title to him. The pact Landis forced down the club-owners' unwilling throats, still in force, provides that a player must be promoted through the minor leagues each year so that he reaches an AA league—the International, Pacific Coast or American Association, where the pay is pretty good—in four years, or less. Having advanced a player that far, the parent teams can hold him only three more years. If the player is not retained in the majors at the end of that period, any other team can draft him for a nominal price.

In brief, Landis guarantees the player that he will not be denied a chance to make good money if it is to the team's best interest to keep him under wraps in a lower league, where the pay is bad and the playing conditions are worse.

All opposition to Landis stems from his rigorous prosecution of efforts to evade that rule. It is plain that he sees the rule as the rock on which baseball may founder in the courts and the man who once slapped heavy fines on two of America's most famous institutions—Babe Ruth and the Standard Oil Company—does not hesitate to turn rascality inside out when he sees it.

One of the last survivors of the old trust-busting school, Landis has been a vigorous, iconoclastic fellow since he first drew breath at Millvale, Ohio, on November 20, 1866. His odd name was given him by his father, Dr. Abraham Landis, a surgeon in the Union Army, who lost his leg at the battle of Kennesaw Mountain in Georgia in 1864. Somewhere along the line, Landis lost an "n" from his first name, but he missed very little more. He was a newsboy in Logansport, Indiana, a semi-pro ball player, a grocer's clerk, the manager of the ball club at seventeen, a court stenographer and clerk at eighteen and, after graduating from Chicago's Union College of Law in 1891, a famous corporation lawyer in the Midwest. President Theodore Roosevelt appointed him to the Federal bench in 1905 at the peak of his trust-busting campaign and Landis gained nationwide renown when he fined the Standard Oil Company \$29,400,000 for accepting rebates on railroad shipments. (The decision, incidentally, was overruled later by a higher court.) After that brief bow in the public spotlight, Landis returned to the semi-obscurity of his judicial robes until the baseball people sought him out in 1921.

The campaign to draft Landis as the High Commissioner actually had begun two years earlier. At that time baseball was governed by the National Commission, which consisted of the presidents of the National and American Leagues and Garry Herrmann, the gregarious, fun-loving owner of the Cin-



cincinnati Reds and one-time Grand Exalted Ruler of the Order of Elks. It was a rather unsatisfactory set-up because the Commission usually split along league lines on important issues and the very nature of its composition forced the three-man body to play ball with the owners rather than the public.

The Commission was blasted out of existence by the "Black Sox" scandal, which broke late in 1920. A year of ugly rumors suddenly burgeoned into shocking fact when seven members of the Chicago White Sox, accused of having accepted bribes from Arnold Rothstein, the gambler, were charged with having thrown the World Series of 1919 to the Cincinnati Reds. It is difficult now, almost a quarter-century later, to describe the horrified incredulity that swept the country when it was revealed that some of the great White Sox had betrayed the fans. There are people, once dyed-in-the-wool nuts, who have never seen a ball game since.

The owners recognized the need of a man who could prosecute the accused players and restore some measure of the public's confidence in the game. The necessity for an impartial power in baseball also was evident. Public opinion turned against the owners during the trial of the "Black Sox" when the miserable salaries the late Charles Comiskey was paying some of the greatest stars in the game were disclosed. Although it grieved them to admit it, the owners realized the players needed someone to protect their rights.

Landis entered the scene on a white charger to the accompaniment of a loud fanfare. He was given a five-year contract at \$50,000 a year, but he insisted on deducting from that figure \$7,500, which was the salary he was receiving as a Federal judge. He resigned from the bench the following year. Landis always has been scrupulously correct in his financial dealings with baseball. In 1933, when his salary had risen to \$65,000, he took two voluntary cuts totaling \$25,000 when retrenchment was the high-sign of the depression.

After cleaning up the "Black Sox" mess, Landis presently found himself up to the ears in another scandal. Two days before the opening of the Giant-Senator World Series in 1924, open charges were made that Giant players had attempted to bribe Heinie Sand, Philadelphia shortstop, during the last week of the season. The Giants won the pennant by only a game and a half from the Dodgers that year and Sand named Jimmy O'Connell, a Giant rookie, as the man who had offered him \$500 if he "did not bear down" in a late-season game.

At Landis' investigation of the charges, O'Connell implicated Frank Frisch, Ross Young and George Kelly, the three most famous New York stars, in the plot along with Cosy Dolan, a coach. Landis barred O'Connell and Dolan for life and the feeling was expressed in some quarters that Landis was shielding Frisch, Young and Kelly and that Dolan really had taken the

rap for John J. McGraw, the celebrated manager of the Giants. Landis threw open his files on the case and made public all the secret testimony heard during the star chamber proceedings to convince the fans that O'Connell and Dolan were the only culprits.

Having averted the grim specter of another scandal, Landis and baseball settled down to a quiet period broken by no distractions other than the incessant clacking of the turnstiles as the game entered an era of unbounded prosperity. The depression ended the honeymoon, but Landis and the owners remained one large, mutual admiration society.

It was in 1936 that the owners sensed a change of attitude on the part of Landis. He began to scrutinize the players' contracts and penalize clubs guilty, in his mind, of exploiting the sweaty slaves.

Landis came within an ace of cutting loose Bob Feller from the Cleveland Indians and declaring the boy wonder a free agent. As such, Feller could have gotten at least \$150,000 for signing with any team he chose and Cleveland would have lost the best box-office attraction in the business. Landis admitted tacitly that Feller deserved his professional freedom because he had been "covered up" by Cleveland. He justified his action in letting Feller remain with the team by explaining that Cleveland was following common practice. It was the last time Landis avoided going to the mat with any problem, regardless of the consequences.

The next year he declared Tom Henrich, Cleveland property, a free agent and the Yankees got the player for a bonus of \$25,000. The sweeping decisions against the Cardinals and Tigers followed; no club escaped the Judge's vigorous policing of his beat. He soaked or threatened every team in sight for violations in the juggling of minor-leaguers and a crescendo chorus of complaints was heard against his dictatorial methods.

The war rather consolidated opposition to Landis. The owners groused that Landis, who was getting \$65,000 a year to protect their interests, did

absolutely nothing to insure the continuance of the game during the war period. Landis retorted with a roar that neither he nor anyone in baseball would seek special privileges for the sport in Washington. He forbade the owners to assist players in getting draft deferments. He forbade the teams to go to Florida or California for Spring training after 1942, much to the surprise of the O.D.T., which had made a routine request of him to cut down unnecessary travel and had no intention of asking for such a drastic concession.

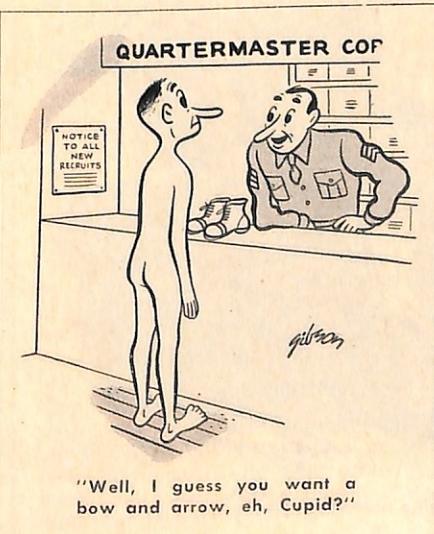
At about that time Landis suddenly showed an increasing annoyance with critics, whom he previously had ignored, and insisted on his full share of petty prerogatives. Two years ago a national magazine carried an article on J. G. Taylor Spink, publisher of "The Sporting News", the trade paper of the game, in which Spink was referred to in passing as Mr. Baseball. Landis, who fancies that title himself, retaliated by denying Spink the annual appropriation of \$7000 given him by the two major leagues for printing the official record book. Landis announced his own office would publish the book. Spink got out a book on his own hook, a complete 352-page affair, and had it on sale a month before the season opened. The Landis opus, 736 pages of duplication during the paper shortage, appeared in time for the All Star game—at the exact mid-point of the season when it could serve no purpose other than to assuage the Judge's vanity.

Landis' fierce, sourpuss demeanor is an act—an enormously impressive act that succeeds in conveying the impression he would make. Owners and players, resolved to tell the old buzzard to take a flying jump for himself, invariably crawl out of his office with their tails between their legs after a verbal bout with him. His vocabulary in the vulgar is extensive, his imagery has the impact of a punch in the nose and he always has right on his side. He is the Law and tangling with him results in the same frustration that comes from making passes at a cop in a street fight.

Beneath his gruffness and hard-boiled affectations, Landis is a gent possessed of great charm and wit. He knows that most baseball men thoroughly hate Leslie O'Connor, his secretary, who does the gumshoe investigation when the Commissioner is fixing to throw the book at someone.

In December at the annual winter meeting held in Chicago, newspapermen were hanging around waiting for the executive committee to issue a cosmic bulletin concerning baseball's post-war plans. The deliberation behind closed doors was lengthy and one of the reporters was snoozing with his feet on a chair when Landis slipped out of the meeting for a breather. The dozing reporter was startled when he felt something under his feet. He looked down and saw Landis on his hands and knees rummaging under the chair.

"Excuse me," the Judge said with a pixie wink. "I thought O'Connor might be around here."



V is for Vegetable

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lions of seeds are pushing up through the ground, again proving Nature's wonderwork and millions of egoistic males are hovering over them, patting themselves on the back at each new sign of green.

Principal factor in the expanded success of the Vee Gee program this year will be sound instruction and cooperative effort due to good community planning and organization. The seeds have already shown what they can do. Now it is up to civilization to contribute its mite.

Although some communities have already shown progress over last year, it is expected that now that the first flush of planting is worn off and the dull grind of weeding and watering has set in, increased cooperative effort will be evident.

Tops among community programs is that developed and refined in Pelham, a well-to-do but not rich suburban community near New York. The Pelham Plan as it has been in effect could be readily adopted or modified in almost any small city. Some of its features could be adopted with benefit at any part of the growing season. As described by Mr. W. B. Shaw, chairman of the Pelham Victory Garden Committee, the plan was developed out of selfish as well as patriotic motives and had as a cornerstone one sound business principle: every participant would pay his proper share of the costs. It didn't matter how much or how little a man had, or what his social or political status

was; the question was, did he have a hoe and a will and if he lacked the hoe, Pelham might supply that. In money he needed 60 cents (reduced to 50 cents in 1944) for each 100 square feet of allotted space.

Being self-supporting there was no vote-catching or charity in the plan. Because an investment was involved, no matter how small, the interest of the individual was won and held. This, say the Pelham people, was and is no small factor in their success.

At the outset, the Pelham group made a house-to-house canvass to determine how many people would be interested in Victory Gardens. Not only did the survey provide this essential information; it also enabled them to build an organization with those whose enthusiasm was most obvious and most genuine.

Then with the nucleus of their organization the township was divided into localities and sub-localities with a vice-chairman for each locality whose job it was to organize the persons with the most gardening experience to supervise the gardening programs in the sub-localities. The vice-chairmen also canvassed the area for vacant properties and initiated a preliminary soil examination.

A real estate man was named to the committee to handle property permits, and appropriate offices filled with competent people covering finance, records, publicity and relationships with other war agencies. These offices were not filled with window-dressing figureheads

or social climbers, of which Pelham has its share. The sole basis for selection was ability and interest in the Vee Gee program.

The Pelham group offered service including distribution of government literature, plowing and harrowing, fertilization and three sprayings during the growing season. Light tractor plows were borrowed from a truck gardener. Soil was found deficient in organic matter and a fertilizer mixing plant was established by the committee. With compost material mixed with soil building bacteria a highly valuable and yet safe fertilizer was available to each plot holder for direct application. This organic matter was so well prepared that the Pelham committee believes it contributed materially to the successful weathering by all Pelham gardens of a devastating 18-day drought.

The income from the charge made for service was \$2,200. Their service to 800 members left them at the end of the year with \$200 in the bank and three tons of fertilizer in the warehouse plus a small supply of tools.

A Fall program of grinding partially rotted leaves—an excellent fertilizer—was added to the duties of the Pelham Committee. Also they have gone extensively into the job of raising plants from seed, which they will sell through local stores at prices controlled by the committee.

Although Pelham provides an interesting over-all model, whatever section of the country one investigates offers something to which the local Vee Gees can and will point with pride. The local fire department in Montgomery County, Maryland, will gladly recount how, during a drought last summer, they rigged up their pumping equipment to nearby creeks and, with nozzles pointed into the air, pumped up a simulated rain of creek water which saved some five hundred local Victory Gardens from demise by drought. Enthusiasts in Pasadena got more than 100 heavy thinkers to take a thorough twenty-hour course given, not in a cocktail lounge, but in a school room. In New York City the beautiful lawns of the Charles W. Schwab Riverside Drive home were unturned and planted to demonstration vegetable plots to needle the lagging gardening enterprise of dwellers in New York apartment house skyscrapers.

The industrious Mormons—members of the Church of Latter Day Saints—noted for their capacity for productive community effort, ended the season with a record of 50,000,000 cans of food-stuffs, mainly V vegetables, representing at that time a total value of more than 1 billion ration points. New York State claimed to have nurtured 1,117,886 (count 'em) gardens producing a total of some 750,000 tons of the stuff. The total of all expenditures through the State, including county and private contributions adds up to about 3c per ton or about \$.0003, however much that is,



"I always enjoy the smell of a pipe around the house."

per each of the 82,500,000 quarts preserved.

That any such program could have gotten very far without finding somewhere in the middle of it America's two most eager organizations, the Scouts and the 4-H Clubs, is unthinkable. The 4-H youngsters, whose interests are largely rural and from whom, it is predicted, will come the intelligent farmers who will save America's topsoil, whipped out enough vegetables last summer to fill to overflowing 62 trainloads of 100 cars each. They did this, incidentally, without slowing up their routine work which includes breeding some of the best livestock in this country. One 4-H'er, not unusual, would in normal times have received \$180 for his Vee Gee crop. This, some men not yet old will remember, used to be considered a heck of a lot of cash for a teen-age farm boy to pick up in one summer merely for doing an hour or so of work each day.

The vegetable record of the Scouts is perhaps less dramatic but only so because by tradition, Scouts rise to the immediate emergency leaving to others the dealing with long-term jobs, which anything lasting all summer can safely be considered. Their work is largely of a rescue nature and last summer they devoted themselves with considerable energy to what has been described officially in Scout circles as "crop rescue" work.

Any tenderfoot can tell how last summer the Scouts pitched in and helped save the potato crop at Mobile, the pea crop near Houston, the apricot crop in California and the string bean crop on mammoth Seabrook Farm in New Jersey, among others. But the crowning rescue job done by the Scouts last summer took place in Aroostook County, Maine, home of the famed and dietically important Maine Potato. Here nearly 1,500 Scouts labored manfully beside the desperate and grateful potato growers and gathered up no less than 1,500,000 bushels of spuds which but for their help might have been left rotting in the ground.

THERE have been some comments—20,000,000 groans certainly make a comment—on the amount of energy expended by the eager Vee Gees. No one has mentioned the energy used by the plants themselves in turning in the record achievement. Many of even the most experienced Vee Gees seem unaware that the only time a plant sleeps is when it's a seed. Once it gets into the ground it is in there pitching 24 hours a day. For example, at least twice in 24 hours the leaves get turned so they can get the maximum amount of direct sun. Turning a radish leaf may seem like a simple enough chore. But how about a kale leaf? Try turning one of those. That takes muscle.

Then there is the work of the roots. Roots don't grow long merely from the pull of gravity. They really get in and dig. When a root runs into a rock or a hard lump of soil its got to dig its way around it or through it. Energy thus expended, incidentally, doesn't grow any

tomatoes. Then when a root has eaten all the succulent fertilizer in its immediate vicinity it has to go out foraging to find other tidbits. A root that is worthy of its potash isn't going to shove a lot of nondescript raw materials up to the leaves to be processed. It will dig around for hours to find the best. Making a vegetable takes teamwork, see. Roots got pride too, ain't they?

Many people consider that all the energy the plant uses merely in growing had better be put into the end product. For this reason, and others, there has been a considerable interest in growing plants in chemicals.

It is perhaps just as well that the shortage of necessary chemicals served as a check rein on the fad of soilless gardening which threatened to become a runaway in the late pre-war days. It is horrible to think of what might have happened to the Vee Gee campaign if 20,000,000 potential gardeners had had unrestricted access to the allure of chemical farming. Such a possibility for the future is certainly one of the more questionable fruits of victory. The trouble with chemical gardening in the present emergency is obviously that it is entirely man-made, with no Mother Nature to step in and correct his mistakes.

SOILLESS gardening, incidentally, is not new. Some 250 years ago an Englishman experimented with it, then a Frenchman had a crack at it a century later. One hundred years ago a German was fooling with it. Later an Austrian, a Dutchman and another Englishman tried to do something with it. But about 25 years ago a couple of Americans tested it out to grow perfect carnations. It has been progressing ever since. Vee Gees who may wish to have a year 'round garden and who also have access to a chemical black market are warned, however, that they are fooling with vegetable dynamite. One never knows what will happen. One gardener in an expansive moment tried chemical farming on a tomato plant in a small pot and look at the trouble he got into. The darn' thing grew twelve feet tall and like to pushed him out of the house. Before he could decide whether to move or cut it down and thereby sabotage the Vee Gee program the thing produced more than seventy tomatoes.

His trouble now is, he doesn't remember whether he fed it gardening chemicals or photographic developer—or both.

But offsetting the benefits of the chemical shortage there has been this year an unfortunate tendency to supplement the cultivation of essential though prosaic vegetables with those which, if not actually more exotic, are at least out of the lettuce-corn-beans-radish treadmill. This is partially a social problem. A man can't depend on bush beans to get him an entree into clubs which make any pretense of exclusiveness. In all Vee Gee communities a good bush bean is regarded for just what it is, a good bush bean, and is social tender for just that much.

But Coslettuce, celery, white toma-

toes, strawberries, broccoli and several of the more exotic herbs command a social standing somewhat higher than that merited by the peace-time grower of a prize-winning Dahlia. This trend to vegetable snootiness, though unfortunate in a democracy, is not unnatural. A man can be forgiven for noticing that while lovely ladies languish when he remarks that his corn is doing nicely, by gosh, they sit up and take notice when he reports that a new type of borer is attacking his asparagus crowns.

Out of the experience of last year there have come some valuable rules for successful Vee Geeing. These supplement the usual bromides of not planting too deeply, of planting seed sparingly and ruthless thinning. Several of them deserve particular notice of those who erred last year.

FIRST and foremost is that sprinkling the garden very lightly every night is bad dope. When watering is done the wetting should be thorough. This becomes more important as the summer progresses and the roots grow deeper as the plants mature.

Large vegetables may look good in the show window but they don't necessarily make for the best eating. Almost invariably an outsize vegetable is woody or tough and less flavorful than one of more moderate proportions. Pick when ripe, not when biggest, and then immediately eat or can.

If there is difficulty in watering as frequently as desired the water supply can be kept in the ground longer by mulching. Dried lawn clippings, straw or even heavy paper, but never weeds, may be used between the rows. Effective in retaining moisture they will also reduce the necessary cultivation by keeping down weeds.

Not nearly enough vegetables were stored last year. Storage is an excellent supplement to canning. Beans and peas, Fall carrots, beets, turnips, potatoes, parsnips, squashes, cabbage, sweet potatoes and onions are among those which should be stored if proper facilities are available. If there are green tomatoes on the vine at frost time, pull up the vine and hang it upside down in the cellar. The tomatoes will ripen and provide a continuing supply.

One of the valuable lessons of 1943 and one which will be applied increasingly in the years ahead is that the best gardens result from planting of seedlings rather than seeds. The tremendous waste of scarce seeds—often up to half—was obvious to nearly everyone concerned. Business men attacking the problem on a basis other than that they were naturally gifted farmers, soon saw that the first six weeks were the most critical, most costly and called for the most expert handling. Throughout the United States and even as far away as Hawaii, movements are under way greatly to expand in the future the number of plants grown for virtually free distribution by community groups. Nurserymen and florists, to whom the problem was nothing new, set a fast pace last year by growing and distribut-

ing some 500,000,000 small plants and will do even better this year. Something like 25,000,000 square feet of greenhouse space formerly given over to flowers is this year devoted to the starting of vegetable plants.

Insects must be fought all summer long. Many people think that a few sprayings in the early Spring are sufficient to discourage pests. But no self-respecting bug will give up that easily. They must be fought till the Fall freeze.

Plowing or spading should be done in the Fall. This enables the ground to become thoroughly broken up by winter action on the exposed sod.

A play yard for youngsters near a community garden enables harassed parents to give their gardens much greater care and will therefore contribute directly to production.

One major contribution of the Vee Gee program is the awakening it has brought to the women of America to a new understanding of just what is a vegetable. For years dieticians have despaired of the cooking practices of the American housewife who was raised in the "When-in-doubt-cook-the-heck-out-of-it" tradition. The Vee Gee inspired, omnivorous family reading on the lowly vegetable, plus some adroit propagandizing by the Department of Agriculture, have resulted in a more generally held appreciation of the fact that one minute too long in the cooker can ruin a vegetable; that one with all its minerals and vitamins intact actual-

ly tastes better, and that boiling is the arch-enemy of vegetabledom. These comprise perhaps the first basic dietetic advance made since man first learned that cooking food, instead of eating it raw, was a good way to keep the little woman out of mischief.

Obviously what man has yet to learn—except such healthy old unbelievables as George Bernard Shaw—is that raw vegetables are umpteen percent better for him than those which are cooked. Knowledge of this fact, the Department of Agriculture fervently hopes, will be another outcome of victory gardens. Currently the department is endeavoring to give strong but subtle encouragement to hostesses who, for lack of caviar and exotic sandwich spreads, are filling out the hostess trays with carrot sticks, cauliflower tips, radishes, green onions and diced beets with tooth picks stuck in them. These with proper sauces to dip them in enable many a hostess to draw appreciative murmurs when she says, as inevitably she will, "They were growing in our garden less than an hour ago."

Not the least important aspect of the Vee Gee program is one which has been largely overlooked. This is its potentialities for post-war world feeding. When the war is ended a very large proportion of the world's people will be in serious danger of permanent physical and mental crippling due to malnutrition. For some years thereafter, a few conservative experts have pre-

dicted, there will be a world shortage of food of all kinds and especially of those loaded with the essential vitamins and minerals contained in vegetables.

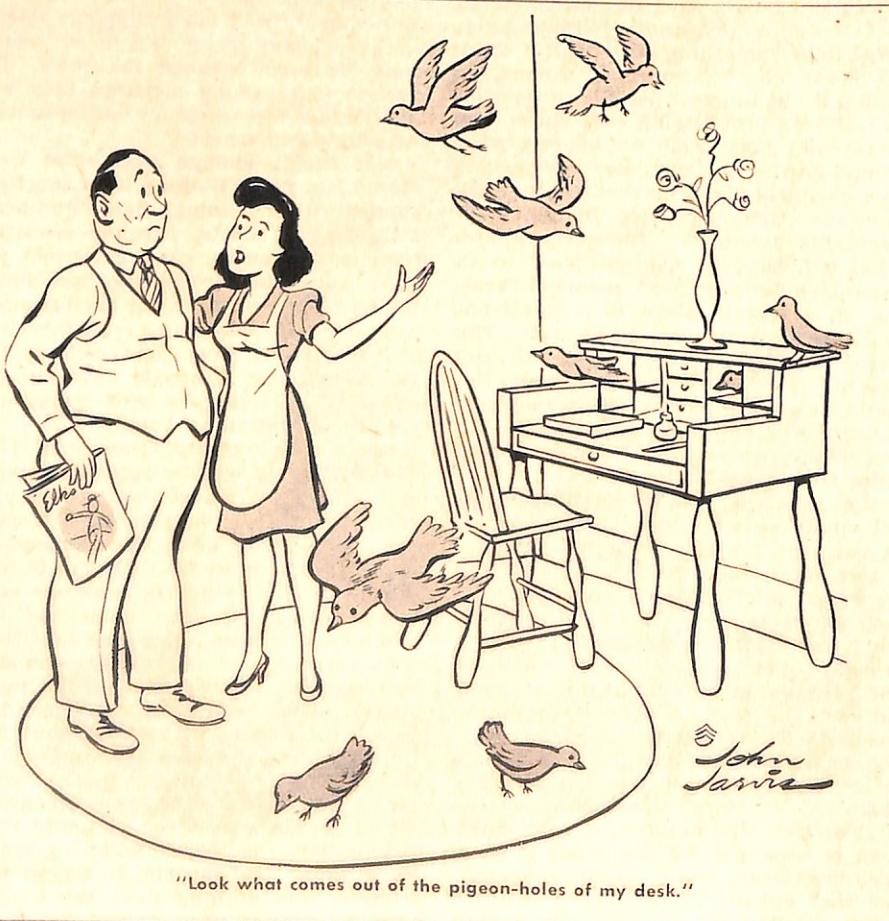
Therefore it is most likely that the Vee Gees will be asked to continue to sacrifice their backs to the cause of humanity and the benefit of their waist-lines for the first several post-war years.

It is unlikely, however, that nice, fresh, leafy vegetables will be shipped from Pelham or Boise to Assam or Finland on Armistice Day. With the Armistice, once our military commanders are sure they can make it stick, the immediate shipping problem will be the return of American soldiers. Most of our shipping may be devoted to that high purpose without regard for the economical two-way pay load principle of peace-time cargo hauling. However, in parts of the world where troops are stationed there will be at war's end a temporary superabundance of food through the army supplies which will be stockpiled there. Every army commander has reserves of food and other supplies built up for an emergency. Doubtless, there is enough food stockpiled in Britain, for example, to care for the entire invasion army for four to six months without an additional pound being shipped in. Such sound conservative planning will be followed by the allied command right up to the last day. These reserves can be used to supply initial food for the famished civilians and give them their first chance in years to use a toothpick for purposes other than trying to suck some nourishment out of it.

AFTER the hungry peoples have had their fill of K-ration and are beginning to look around for something a little more palatable, then the Swiss chard and Brussels sprouts from somebody's back yard in Jersey City will begin to do their part. But not, as one might think, in Mason jars. They will go abroad by proxy. The sentimental householder will have no opportunity for writing personal notes to "My starving Friend in Romania" in which he describes how he personally raised the broccoli, picking it and plunging it into the pressure cooker at just the moment it reached its full and delicious maturity. It will be the commercial crop which will get overseas. The household will still be eating his own.

But this will offer no difficulty. The Vee Gee by then will be such a devotee of his own handiwork—aided, albeit, by Nature—that he will begin to confirm his already growing conviction that other vegetables lack the flavor of those from his own garden. He will no doubt take to complaining to his wife, after dining at the home of a neighboring Vee Gee, that something disagreed with him. He will, on dining out, suffer minor stomach upsets, nothing serious, but enough to make him edgy. Yet his own vegetables, after dinner, will start him purring like a contented kitten.

At that point the Vee Gee program will have made its utmost contribution to the American scene. It will have satisfied, for a moment, the male ego.





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Grand Exalted Ruler's Visits

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officers. A special meeting was held later at which approximately 300 members of the Order listened attentively to the fine address delivered by Mr. Lonergan. The banquet given in his honor followed the meeting. Among the visiting Elks were State Organist William Whitehead and other members of New Smyrna Beach Lodge, Elks from northern states who were in the city at the time, and delegations from De Land, Cocoa, Orlando, Palatka, St. Augustine and Jacksonville. The Grand Exalted Ruler also visited the Elks Fraternal Center.

At West Palm Beach, Fla., the Grand Exalted Ruler was shown over the beautiful home of **WEST PALM BEACH LODGE NO. 1352** and taken on a sightseeing tour of the beautiful beaches. Edward F. Stumpf, Exalted Ruler-elect and Secy. of the Fla. State Elks Assn., was Chairman of the Committee on Arrangements for Mr. Lonergan's visitation which took place on March 19, and was Toastmaster at the banquet. The other members of the Committee were Exalted Ruler J. Alex Arnette, and Past Exalted Rulers J. O. Bowen, L. M. Lennard, R. L. Ray, James L. Turnage and Past District Deputy W. A. Wall, State President. Incidentally, when West Palm Beach Lodge won the National Ritualistic Contest in 1936, Mr. Lennard was Exalted Ruler of the team. Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan was introduced at the banquet by District Deputy Leo Butner. Representatives of sister lodges and many visitors attended the reception given in the lodge home, and one hundred attended the dinner given in his honor. Invitations were limited to the officers of the lodge, Past Exalted Rulers, Committee Chairmen and the visitors. Edgar L. Keuling, Chairman of the Publicity and Promotion Committee, and James A. Dunn, a former member of the Grand Lodge State Associations Committee, both of Miami Lodge, and P.E.R.'s John H. Farrell, of Lowell, Mass., Lodge, W. R. Jackson, Lake Worth, B. Elliott, Pahokee, and Hubert T. Harmon, Miami, were present.

Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan's visit to **TAMPA, FLA., LODGE NO. 708**, was made on March 22. A noon luncheon in his honor had been arranged, but due to the fact that his arrival was delayed until 5:20 p.m., the two hundred guests were denied the privilege of hearing him speak. However, the lodge was fortunate to be able to present as a speaker Past Exalted Ruler Dr. Robert S. Barrett, of Alexandria, Va., Lodge, candidate for the office of Grand Exalted Ruler for 1944-45, who drove over from St. Petersburg, about twenty-five miles distant. Many prominent Elks attended, and at the speakers' table were also presidents of the local civic clubs the President of the Bar Association, the President of the Cigar Manufacturers' Association and representatives from two of the large air bases close by.

The Grand Exalted Ruler was met at the Peter O. Knight Airport at 5:20 by Dr. Barrett, Victor O. Wehle, St. Petersburg, District Deputy for Florida, West, James J. Fernandez, Tampa, Past Pres. of the Fla. State Elks Assn. and Chairman of the Reception Committee, and the following committee members: E.R. J. Frank Umstot, P.E.R.'s Tom O. Watkins, Municipal Judge, and Ernest Maas, Sr., George Raney, Jr., Assistant United States Attorney, Joseph James and James Whitehurst whom the Grand Exalted Ruler knew when Mr. Whitehurst was a resident of Tacoma, Wash. He was taken to his suite in the Tampa Terrace Hotel and from there to the Columbia, a famous Spanish restaurant on the West Coast of Florida, where Exalted Ruler Umstot gave a dinner to 21 Past Exalted Rulers in honor of Mr. Lonergan. Dr. Barrett and Mr. Wehle were present.

Later, at the lodge meeting, forty-eight candidates were initiated in the presence of the greatest number of Elks ever assembled in the Tampa lodge room. Large delegations represented Clearwater, St. Petersburg, Bradenton, Lakeland and Sarasota Lodges. Among the many distinguished Elks present were Past State President L. B. Sparkman, Tampa, former Mayor Past Exalted Ruler D. B. McKay, Tampa, former Governor Doyle E. Carlton, Paul Kickliter, Judge of the Juvenile Court, Charles Pent, Clerk of the Circuit Court, George Cornelius, County Judge, Allie Angle, U. S. Customs Collector, Joe Williams, City Solicitor, Fred Ball, Chairman of County Commissioners, William Sparkman, Tax Assessor, Major Hugh Culbreath, Sheriff, and Mr. Raney. Conforming to its policy, Tampa Lodge bought two \$1,000 War Bonds during the meeting and subscribed \$500 for the local Chapter of the American Red Cross. The highlight of the evening was the splendid address delivered by the Grand Exalted Ruler. The meeting was followed by a buffet supper served in the grill and a dance in the beautiful ballroom for members and their ladies.

The first event on the program arranged for Mr. Lonergan's visit to **TALLAHASSEE, FLA., LODGE, NO. 937**, was a reception at the home of State Senator Leroy Collins, a member of Tallahassee Lodge and brother of District Deputy Marvin Collins, Jr., followed by a chicken pilau supper served in the Elks' banquet room. At a special lodge meeting, the Grand Exalted Ruler addressed the fine turnout of local members and visitors from 12 subordinate lodges. Among those in attendance were Past Grand Esteemed Leading Knight L. M. Lively, D.D. Collins, Past State Pres. W. T. Moore, Jr., and P.D.D. Claude L. Johnson, Tallahassee; Past Pres.'s Frank E. Thompson, Lake City, and M. Frank O'Brien, Jacksonville, and P.D.D. E. C. Pearce, Palatka. Floyd H. Brown, P.E.R. of Oklahoma City Lodge, representative of the Elks War Commission, was present.

Lack of priorities caused the Grand Exalted Ruler to lose his plane reservation at Pensacola and miss a scheduled visit to **NEW ORLEANS, LA., LODGE, NO. 30**, on Friday night. Arrangements for his reception and entertainment, however, were carried out by those in charge so that the pleasure of attending the dinner and the get-together afforded by the occasion could be enjoyed by the large number of Elks assembled, many of whom did not know until after the dinner that Mr. Lonergan had been unable to keep his appointment.

On Saturday, March 25, Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan was a guest of **BILOXI, MISS., LODGE, NO. 606**, being introduced by his long-time friend, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Edward Rightor, of New Orleans Lodge, at a coast-wide dinner at the Buena Vista Hotel. Dewey Lawrence, Biloxi, Harrison County Supervisor, and Vice-Pres. of the Miss. State Elks Assn., was Toastmaster. The Grand Exalted Ruler's message was one of stirring patriotism throughout. The invocation was given by the Reverend E. A. DeMiller and the benediction by Father Geoffrey O'Connell. A large representation of the Biloxi membership including Past State Pres. Ernest Desporte, Past Pres. A. W. Lang and other Elks from Gulfport and also Pascagoula, Miss.; many of Biloxi's prominent officials and citizens and officers from Keesler Field and the Coast Guard Station, were present. E.R. Chester H. Rose was a member of the Committee on Arrangements of which George Ditto was Chairman. Mayor Chester Delacruz made the welcoming speech. Mr. Lonergan was greeted upon his arrival at the hotel by the local committee and serenaded by the Biloxi

Schools Orchestra. His visitation was arranged through Past District Deputy Sidney A. Freudenstein.

Accompanied by Mr. Sidney A. Freudenstein, and E.R. Edward R. Schowalter, of New Orleans Lodge, Mr. Lonergan arrived in Jackson, Miss., for a visit to **JACKSON LODGE NO. 416** on Sunday March 26. Lodge was officially opened at three in the afternoon. Greatly appreciated by the newly elected officers was the honor conferred upon them by the Grand Exalted Ruler who personally conducted the installation ceremonies. Present and taking part in the various activities were L. A. Nichols, Vicksburg, and Dr. J. B. Price, Canton, District Deputies for the Mississippi South and North Districts respectively. Also present were Elk delegations from Clarksdale, Gulfport, Hattiesburg, Natchez, Canton, Yazoo City and Vicksburg, Miss., with their Exalted Rulers and Secretaries.

Introduced by Exalted Ruler W. T. Pace, Mr. Lonergan addressed the large crowd of Jackson members and visiting Elks from practically all of the lodges in Mississippi, speaking for an hour and thirty minutes on the Order and its wide civic and altruistic activities, and on matters pertaining especially to the subordinate lodges and the all-out war effort in particular. He also expressed his approval and appreciation of the advanced strides made by the local lodge since its reorganization last October, during which time the active membership has been practically doubled. Appreciation of his inspirational message was expressed by a standing vote. After the meeting, all present were invited to a five o'clock tea and a general fellowship session, with Carl Brackett, a member of No. 416, as host and master of ceremonies. Mr. Lonergan was escorted to his hotel before train time, and at 6:15 goodbyes were said and the Grand Exalted Ruler left for Chicago, ending a visit that accomplished much as a boost not only to the local lodge but to other subordinate lodges of the State.

Mr. Lonergan, accompanied by Mr. Bradley, paid a visit to **McMINNVILLE, ORE., LODGE, NO. 1283**, on March the 30th. Secretary of State Robert S. Farrell, Jr., of Portland Lodge, District Deputy for Oregon, Northwest, and many Past District Deputies were present. This was the third time that McMinnville Lodge had been visited by a Grand Exalted Ruler. It was not, however, the first paid by Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan who outside of his own lodge, Portland No. 142, is personally acquainted with probably more Elks in McMinnville Lodge than in any other. He has attended many a meeting in the lodge room, but this was the first since his election to the highest office in the Order. He was the speaker of the evening, and it is not likely that his wonderful talk on Americanism will ever be forgotten by those who had the good fortune to be present. Old friendships were renewed at a luncheon served after the lodge meeting.

On Thursday, April 6, the Grand Exalted Ruler, accompanied by Mr. Bradley, visited **KLAMATH FALLS, ORE., LODGE, NO. 1247**. He was met at the train by P.E.R.'s John H. Houston, Mayor of the city, and F. C. Adams and Lloyd J. Goble, Trustees of the lodge. In the afternoon the Grand Exalted Ruler and his party were taken to the Tule Lake Japanese segregation center and the wild life refuge in that area. A luncheon was also given in his honor at the Klamath naval air station. A crab feed at 6 p. m. was followed by the lodge session at 7:30, at which time Klamath Falls Lodge's new officers were installed by Mr. Lonergan. Every bit of space in the lodge room was occupied by the more than 450 Elks who witnessed the ceremony and heard



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the Grand Exalted Ruler's fine patriotic address.

Emphasizing the need for unity and cooperation in the war effort, Grand Exalted Ruler Lonergan addressed two hundred and fifty Elks and their guests on April 10 when he visited **DIXON, ILL., LODGE, NO. 779**. Mr. Lonergan is a native of Illinois, and relatives and close associates

of his youth in the Polo vicinity, as well as Elks and their ladies of Dixon, Sterling, Sycamore, Freeport, Mendota, and DeKalb, Ill., were in the audience. Later in the evening, the Grand Exalted Ruler presided at the installation of officers elected by Dixon Lodge to serve during the ensuing year. The meeting was preceded by a roast buffalo dinner

and a beautifully presented musical program at which Past Grand Exalted Ruler Henry C. Warner, Past Exalted Ruler of Dixon Lodge, introduced by Exalted Ruler Gerald Jones, was Toastmaster. A sister of the Grand Exalted Ruler, Mrs. George McGrath, who lives near Dixon, was an honored guest at the dinner.

Under the Antlers

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Another feature of the meeting was the presentation of an Elks National Foundation Certificate by Past Grand Exalted Ruler Judge Murray Hulbert, of New York Lodge No. 1, a member of the Elks National Foundation Trustees. The Certificate was accepted by Mr. Zeh, acting on behalf of his lodge. Past Grand Exalted Ruler James T. Hallinan, of Queens Borough, N. Y., Lodge, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer of the Elks War Commission, was the guest speaker, and short talks were made by Michael J. Gilday, of New Rochelle, President of the New York State Elks Assn., State Secretary Thomas F. Cuiter, Brooklyn, and Supreme Court Judge John Alexander, Past Exalted Ruler of Schenectady Lodge. J. B. Nicholson, twentieth on the charter list when the lodge was organized, was present.

Moving Picture of Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia

The West Virginia State Elks Association has donated to the Elks National Home a sixteen millimeter film showing scenes in and around the Home. It is a silent film and the running time is about thirty minutes.

Any Lodge or State Association may have the use of this film by applying to R. A. Scott, Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Virginia.

BISMARCK, N. D. Past Exalted Ruler Frank Milholland, of Bismarck Lodge No. 1199, President of the North Dakota State Elks Association, died on March 13, in his 59th year. Funeral services were held under the auspices of the lodge.

Born in Carthage, Mo., Mr. Milholland became a resident of Bismarck in 1910 when he went to work for *The Bismarck Tribune* as a printer. In recent years he operated a job printing plant in Bismarck. He was a former American Federation of Labor leader in North Dakota, a former president of the State Railroad Commission and of the State Public Welfare Board, was recognized nationally as an authority on public utility law and took a prominent part in the enactment of public safety laws as a member of the National Safety Committee, appointed by President Herbert Hoover. Mr. Milholland was also a member of the National Advisory Committee of the National Safety Council.

MENDOTA, ILL. At a meeting of Mendota Lodge No. 1212 on March 2, the trustees were authorized to take whatever steps might be necessary to establish new hospital facilities in Mendota. With post-war planning already under present consideration, the lodge, as a charitable organization, deemed it appropriate to take the initiative in a definite and concrete way. It, therefore, through its trustees, introduced to the members a resolution to appropriate and earmark the sum total of \$30,000, stipulating that "contracts be properly awarded for the construction of a hospital within three years from the date of the close of World War II", this in the

The State Associations Committee Reports the Following Wartime Convention Dates for 1944

Association	City	Date
Iowa	Des Moines	June 3-4
Maine	Poland Springs (Lewiston)	June 3-4
Nebraska	Omaha	June 3-4
North Dakota	Bismarck	June 4-5
North Carolina	Hendersonville	June 9-10
Michigan	Grand Rapids	June 9-10-11
Indiana	La Fayette	June 10-11
Louisiana	Donaldsonville	June 11
Connecticut	Derby	June 11
Kentucky	Newport	June 11-12-13-14
New Jersey	Elizabeth	June 18
Massachusetts	Swampscott	June 17-18
Colorado	Denver	Aug. 25-26-27
Wisconsin	Appleton	August 25-26
Ohio	Cedar Point (Sandusky)	August *

*Date not yet set

belief that such action would encourage the people of the community to take further steps to make the proposed hospital a reality.

Since its institution in 1910, Mendota Lodge has grown and prospered. Being financially able, it has for years stood ready to assist in any worthy charity or endeavor of benefit to the community. The lodge owns its own home, valued at more than \$90,000, and has no debts.

NEWTON, KANS. Members of the War Bond selling team of Newton Lodge No. 706 accounted for slightly more than ten per cent of the entire county quota in the Fourth War Loan Drive, as reported by George Sharp, chairman of the team. Total sales reached \$107,871.25. The Elks' ladies sold Bonds in the amount of \$4,724.

Most of the Bonds sold by the Elks were of small denomination, with no large blocks of purchases represented in the total. This was considered an outstanding accomplishment, inasmuch as several sizable towns are located in the county and all other civic organizations in the city and county were active in the drive. The members of the Elks' team, which turned in this fine showing, were R. L. Hogan, Albert Bochau, H. E. Engle, Ted Meires and Chairman Sharp. Mr. Hogan was high point man on the team.

HERRIN, ILL. Herrin Lodge No. 1146 stands today on a firm financial foundation, free of all debt, and with one of its largest membership enrollments in recent years. On March 22, the mortgage on the lodge home and \$50,000 worth of reclaimed bonds were burned in a ceremony celebrating the occasion. Exalted Ruler Dr. H. J. Raley, of Harrisburg Lodge, Pres. of the Illinois State Elks Assn., brought the congratulations of the State organization and addressed the meeting. District Deputy Gordon Franklin, of Marion, was Master of Ceremonies. Speeches made by P.E.R.'s Frank C. Murrah and D. H. Miller, and former Secy. Joe Grizzell carried the history of the lodge up to the present time from 1909, the year of institution. John Herrin and P.E.R. Charles G. Murrah were honored guests, and tribute was

paid Secy. E. E. Willis, who is now serving his fourth term. The accomplishments of all the Exalted Rulers who have administered the affairs of the lodge were reviewed by P.E.R. D. L. Bradshaw, P.D.D. Mr. Bradshaw spoke for the membership as a whole when he presented Exalted Ruler George H. Anderson with a wrist watch "in appreciation of his tireless work of the past year which has seen the organization break free of debt."

DU BOIS, PA. The home of Du Bois Lodge No. 349 was the scene of one of the biggest events held by the local Elks during the fiscal year when Ralph C. Robinson, of Wilkinsburg Lodge, Pres. of the Pa. State Elks Assn., paid his official visit. The initiation of a fine class of candidates climaxed an appropriate program. Included in the attendance of approximately 250 were delegations from Reynoldsville, Clearfield, Saint Marys, Kittanning and Pittsburgh.

The Chairs were occupied by the regular officers. Speaking on the Order and its work, the State President reminded the individual members of the important duties devolving upon them in carrying out their obligations to support their country in these trying times. The fifteen new members were initiated by the Du Bois Degree Team, regarded as one of the most proficient in the section.

Notice Regarding Applications for Residence At Elks National Home

The Board of Grand Trustees reports that there are several rooms at the Elks National Home awaiting applications from members qualified for admission. Applications will be considered in the order in which received.

For full information, write Robert A. Scott, Superintendent, Elks National Home, Bedford, Va.

WAPAKONETA, O. The home of Wapakoneta Lodge No. 1170 buzzed with activity recently as members and guests arrived during the afternoon and early evening hours for the mortgage-burning ceremonies to be held immediately after the initiation of a class named for Past Grand Exalted Ruler Dr. Edward J. McCormick, of Toledo, O. An estimate of 600 Elks in attendance was considered conservative. Headed by E.R. Fred Current and Secy. Norman K. Funni, was a delegation of 110 members from Lima Lodge No. 54, sponsor of Wapakoneta Lodge when it was organized 35 years ago.

A buffet supper, served from five p.m. on, was followed by the initiation of the class of twelve candidates, after which six of the charter members assembled in the front of the lodge hall stepped forward and as the lights were dimmed, touched a match to the mortgage. Robert W. Dunkle, of Chillicothe, Pres. of the Ohio State Elks Assn., spoke on "Ohio Elks in the War"; Frank H. Weber represented the Class. Past State Pres.

Charles J. Schmidt, Tiffin, State Secretary; Harry D. Hale, Newark, Secretary; Glenn D. Warner, Greenville, and Judge Charles A. Guernsey, George Middleton and Past Exalted Ruler Judge Walter S. Jackson of Lima of the Court of Appeals, were present. Judge Jackson also addressed the meeting. In a rising vote, tribute was paid the fifty members of Wapakoneta Lodge who are serving with the U. S. Armed Forces, and also the deceased members of the Elks Home Building Committee.

BLOOMINGTON, IND. Initiated recently by Bloomington Lodge No. 446, in its "Spirit of '76 Class" of 18 candidates, was Lieutenant Gerry Kisters whose service to his country was outstanding in the invasion of Sicily and the Tunisian campaign. In addition to the Purple Heart, Lieutenant Kisters has been presented with the Congressional Medal of Honor by President Roosevelt for "conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity at the risk of life", and the Distinguished Service Cross for extraordinary heroism by General George C. Marshall, Chief of Staff of the United States Army. At the time of his initiation, the Lieutenant was on medical leave, recuperating from the effects of seven machine gun bullet wounds.

Attendance at the meeting taxed the capacity of the lodge home. To commemorate the occasion and to show its appreciation of his great service to his country, the lodge presented Lieutenant Kisters with a beautiful Elk ring.

Bloomington Lodge initiated 42 new members during the lodge year and reinstated 14.

KLAMATH FALLS, ORE. Shortly after a naval air station, a marine recuperation center and a military guard camp were established in the district, Klamath Falls Lodge No. 1247 went all out in the way of entertaining the men in the Services and extending to them the hospitality of the lodge home. For enlisted men, a series of dances was scheduled and special invitations were sent to the various military establishments. The lodge furnished an Officers Club in the Willard Hotel building and operates the club in cooperation with the hotel management. On the night before the Klamath naval air station was commissioned, the Elks gave a brilliant opening party. A letter of thanks and commendation has since been received from Commanding Officer L. H. McPherson.

The War Committee of No. 1247 assisted in furnishing an officers' day room at nearby Camp Tulelake, Calif., and collected furniture and other equipment for donation to similar rooms as they were completed. Another \$10,000 Bond was bought by the lodge during the Fourth War Loan Drive. Its contribution of \$500 in the county's Red Cross War Fund Drive was one of the largest made by any organization in the community.

FARGO, N. D. Staging their second annual amateur boxing show in the city auditorium, members of Fargo Lodge No. 260 raised \$1,011 for the Red Cross War Fund Drive. Receipts from the event, held March 15, provided the largest single donation to the Red Cross in Cass County, according to H. H. Woolridge, chairman of the county drive. The gross receipts were turned over to the Red Cross, all expenses having been defrayed by the Elks. Ken Kennedy was Chairman of the Show Committee, and Abe Wallace was matchmaker. The donation from last year's show was \$1,006.

In recognition of his fifteen years of service as Secretary of No. 260, the members elected Frank V. Archibald Exalted Ruler to serve out the last six weeks of the term of Crawford T. Hawkins. During that time, the secretary's post was filled by Past Exalted Ruler M. D. Anderson.

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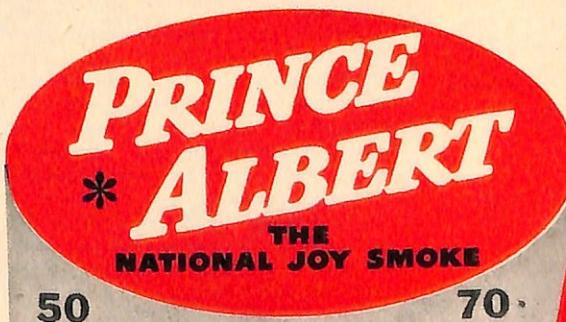
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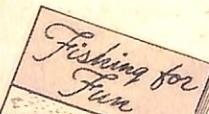




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Mr. T suggests the Province of Ontario for a fishing jaunt you'll never forget.

By Ray Trullinger

BEFORE making a final decision about the scene of that yearly two-weeks' fishin' jaunt, permit your reporter to horn in with the suggestion that the Province of Ontario be given serious consideration. There's big league angling sport on tap up in Canada's second largest Province; so much, in fact, that if an angler embarked on a life-time career of piscatorial effort and never fished the same place twice, he couldn't begin to cover half of it.

With the exception of salmon that section of the Dominion boasts every variety of fresh-water fish from crappies to sturgeon, complete with caviar, and all grow to delightfully vulgar sizes.

Matter of fact, Ontario has held the world's brook trout record—a mere 14½ pounds, in case you're interested—since July, 1916, and it's no secret that Canada's biggest and most vicious muskies fin its countless lakes. Muskellunge of 25 to 30-pound weight aren't considered any great shakes up that way; fishermen don't begin to strut until they rack up something around 40 pounds and occasionally do just that. In addition to muskies and square tails, there are big and smallmouth bass to be caught, great northern pike, walleyes, and brown, rainbow and lake trout, plus the usual assortment of panfish.

Brook and rainbow trout fishing gets under way May 1 and continues to September 15. And, as elsewhere, the best of it comes between the inaugural and late June. There's another flurry in late summer and early Fall, when the water cools, but troutiers usually get in their best licks during the Spring interval.

Squaretails are found in most of southern Ontario's smaller streams and as far north as the Ogoki and

Albany country, but the Nipigon River, in the northwestern section of the Province, is the Mecca which attracts those hopefuls who aspire to top that famous 14½-pounder caught by Dr. W. J. Cook 28 years ago. The Nipigon yields many real whoppers every season and so does the Steel River.

The Sault Ste. Marie Rapids is the big rainbow hotspot. These fish, transplanted West Coast steelheads, are the best battlers of the trout family. They were first stocked at the Soo, but now are caught in many of Lake Superior's tributary rivers. They've also reached Lake Huron and Georgian Bay and are quite plentiful in the vicinity of Owen Sound and other parts of the Bruce Peninsula. Brown trout, European importations, also thrive in this last named region, where the largest specimens in the province are taken every season.

And while we're on the subject of Ontario's big trout it might be timely to remind anglers of something they know, but are prone to forget, namely, that big trout are notorious minnow eaters.

IT'S superb sport to fish a No. 14 fanwing, but unfortunately such piddling lures seldom attract the sort of fish which generally are mounted on hardwood plaques and put on display in the rumpus room back home. A lively, three to four-inch minnow, fished in a deep, slow eddy, often will make angling history. Such a lure will catch the old soakers and particularly browns.

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shoreline or do their stuff from a canoe.

Not much can be added to what already has been written about Ontario bass fishing. No better bass water can be found on the North American continent and both varieties of this scrapping fish are widely distributed throughout the Province. Smallmouths are extremely plentiful from Georgian Bay across the Kawartha system and through the Rideau Canal and connecting lakes to the St. Lawrence. They're also numerous in Lakes Erie, Huron and Ontario. Bigmouths are found throughout the same general area and fishing for both varieties with a stiffish eight and one-half foot fly rod and a bass bug is this reporter's idea of Grade A sport.

Although every bass bugging nut has his favorite lure, for this writer's dough there's nothing quite so good as a little hair frog, put out by the Weber people. This lure, christened the "Frog-akle," will catch bass in Ontario—or anywhere else. We've fished it from Canada to Florida and have yet to see it fail. There is only one disadvantage. Pickerel and pike also go for this life-like little phony and will slice it off a light leader about as fast as replacements can be made. So if you go north this summer, take about a dozen along. And use a husky leader if the bass water fished is also inhabited by pike.

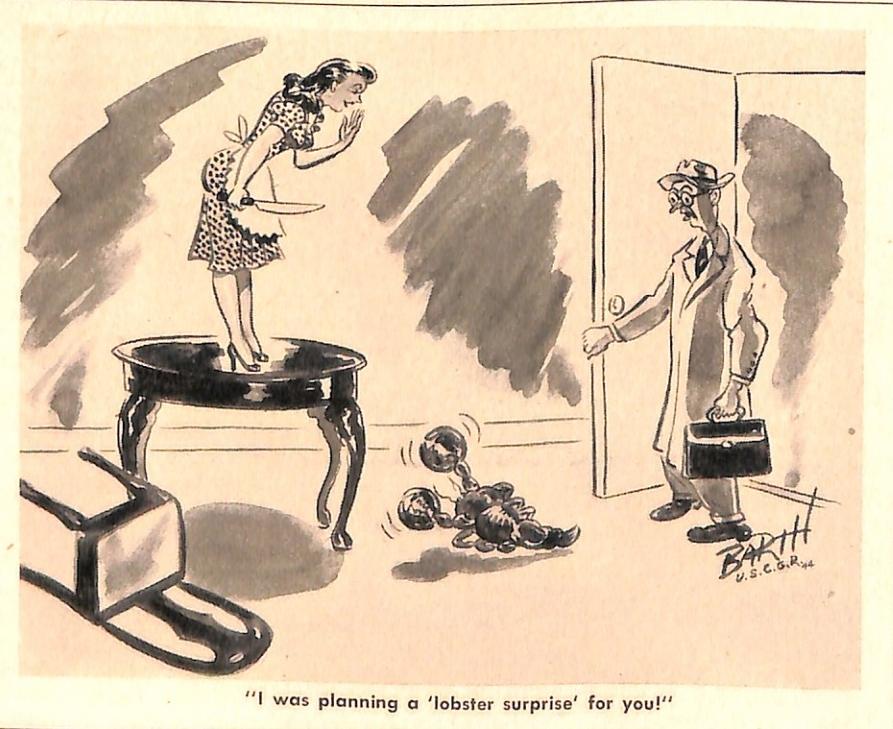
Ontario, incidentally, is the great northern pike's particular heaven and the farther north one goes, the bigger the blamed things get. Twenty pounders aren't uncommon and 40 pounders are on record. Sportiest way to fish for those voracious, finned pirates is with a casting stick and underwater plug, but they'll take about anything else, including a strip torn from the tail of your shirt. They'll even pull the salt water barracuda's favorite trick of chopping a hook fish right off your line.

Lake trout grow to huge size in the Province but the sportier Spring fishing interlude is of short duration and the visiting summer talent must troll deeply to get 'em. Usually this calls for a heavy rig, which effectively kills the laker's fight, but fortunately there's one method of licking that situation, provided the angler is willing to sacrifice a few sinkers for the pleasure of battling a togue on a free line. Assuming the angler owns a light trolling stick and reel, the rest is easy. Here's how you go about it:

First, rig a five or six inch chub or other bait fish to a husky hook and about six feet of strong leader. The chub should be rigged to spin slowly when trolled. Next, attach two swivels to the leader and also a trolling keel. If the swivels work smoothly and the line reveals no disposition to kink or "wind up," the trolling keel might not be necessary. The line, of course, is attached to the keel if it's used—otherwise directly to the swivel.

Next, an oblong-shaped sinker, eyed at each end, is necessary. How heavy the sinker must be depends on the depth of water to be fished, the weight of line used and the trolling speed. A four to six ouncer usually will do the trick. Pinch the line together with both the right and left hand about six feet ahead of the trolling keel and push each U-shaped loop through the opposite eyes of the sinker and then tie the two loops together with a strong, but not too strong piece of thread. The sinker is now attached to the line, but a striking fish will break the thread, release the sinker and the angler will have his laker on a free, unweighted line.

Flashing spoons ahead of the bait will attract more fish and increase the number of strikes, but this metalware



also reduces the fish's fight and is better left off unless the angler is seeking quantity and not quality.

Another tip about lakers: The smaller four or five-pound fish are the best eatin' kind. And we always skin 'em before cooking, same as an eel.

The muskie is Ontario's prize fish. This largest member of the fresh water pike family is the salt water barracuda's cousin, which is to say a tough and vicious character. Although not found everywhere in the Province, muskies are common in the Thousand Islands area of the St. Lawrence, in the Trent Valley, the Kawarthas, Lake Scugog, Lake Simcoe and Georgian Bay, the French River district, the Little Vermilion and Cliff Lake regions of northern Ontario and, of course, in the Lake of the Woods section.

In parts of the Province the muskie season opens June 20, in others on July 1. September and early October, however, generally are considered the two best muskie fishing months.

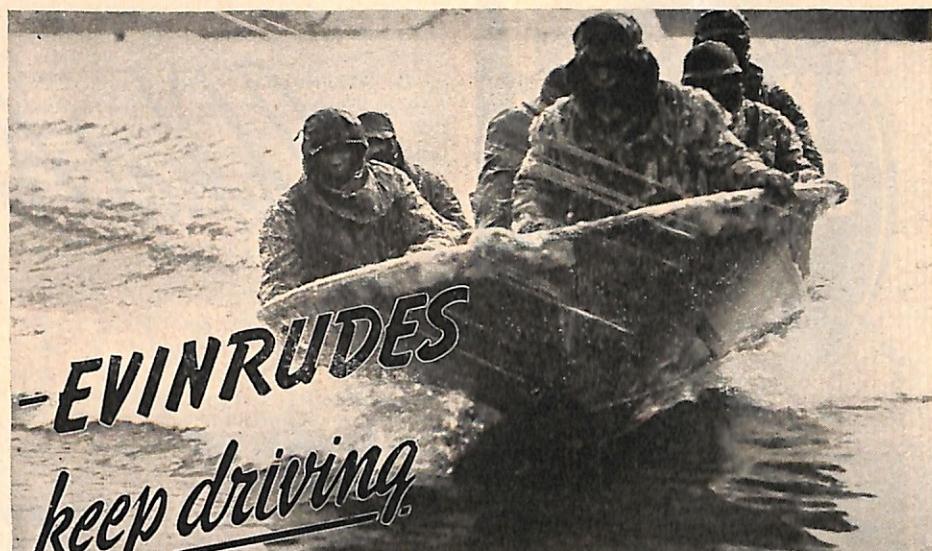
As in the instance of great northern pike, the sportiest fishing method is with a casting stick and large "muskie" plug, but they'll also hit feathered spoons and other trolled lures. Live bait, such as a sucker cast into likely water and slowly retrieved, also brings these big fellows out with a rush.

One of Ontario's most plentiful fish is the walleye. This fine table fish will in average around three or four pounds in the Province, with larger specimens running to 10 and 11. Locally known as a "pickerel", the walleye is found in the Lower Lakes and Trent Valley system and in many inland lakes and rivers. Spoons, live minnows and frogs will catch 'em, and best hauls usually are made around dusk as the walleye is an evening and night feeder. The world's record for walleyes has twice been broken in the last two years in Ontario waters. In 1942 a nineteen-pound walleye was caught to establish a new world's record, and in 1943 that record was shattered with the catch of a twenty-one pound fish in the Niagara River near the Peace Bridge between Buffalo and Fort Erie.

With automobile travel what it is, the vacationing fisherman's best bet this year is to decide on the type of angling he prefers, select the scene of his piscatorial efforts accordingly, and go to the chosen camp or jumping-off place via rail or other public transportation.

Complete fishing and fishing camp information is obtainable from the Ontario Travel Bureau, Parliament Bldg., Toronto. This bureau can arrange a family vacation for the less ardent type of fisherman, or get a hard-bitten group properly outfitted and guided for a serious trip back into the "bush". Indications are that favorite camps throughout the Province will be open this season, with good guides available. Most of the younger men are serving with Canada's armed forces, but plenty of older—and in many instances wiser—hands are around to guide anglers to the best fishing waters.

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By Harry Hansen



AIRPLANES will be big news for the rest of our lives. Just as they dominate the scene in this war, so they will affect us in the future. When the big Lockheed plane landed in Washington seven hours after leaving the Pacific coast it carried the promise of great achievements in commercial aviation after the war. But this very ability to span distances carries with it the threat of offensive warfare from enemies on the other side of the globe and demands defensive tactics. Planes have made the world a small place, as we realize when we examine the global routes of the northern hemisphere, which will lead directly over the polar ice fields.

The big development of Pan-American Airways belongs to the chronicles of peace. It is an extraordinary story of free enterprise, operating with all the ingenuity and enthusiasm of the railroad builders. You will find the story of Pan-American and what it means to the American future in "Empire of the Air", by Matthew Josephson. He tells how Juan Trippe, now 44, Class of '20 at Yale, caught the air fever as a flyer in the naval reserve in the first World War and began an air line on Long Island with some used navy planes after that war. In 1925 the Kelly Mail Act provided for appropriations for carrying mail and Mr. Trippe hopped to it. Soon thereafter the act was amended to include foreign mail contracts and because Trippe's line, Pan-American Airways, was ready to carry mail, he got the job. Thus the big airplane company grew up on mail subsidies and made its biggest strides during the depression. Since then it has ex-

panded to Latin America, China and Lisbon and is sitting pretty for the post-war commercial era.

But commercial flying involves much more than enterprise. It gets into international relations and national defense. To what extent should commercial airplanes be regulated by the government? Is competition likely to stir up new enmities and lead us into international complications? These subjects have to be studied carefully. The principle of the "closed sky" against "freedom of the air" must be understood. As a nation we can't run rough-shod over the air rights of smaller nations, many of which want to develop airlines of their own. Mr. Josephson thinks Juan Trippe favors monopoly and engages in methods of "air imperialism". He gives the basis for a valuable study of the airplane future, warning that "air power makes us all neighbors, and also possibly neighbors-in-hell". (Harcourt, Brace, \$3)

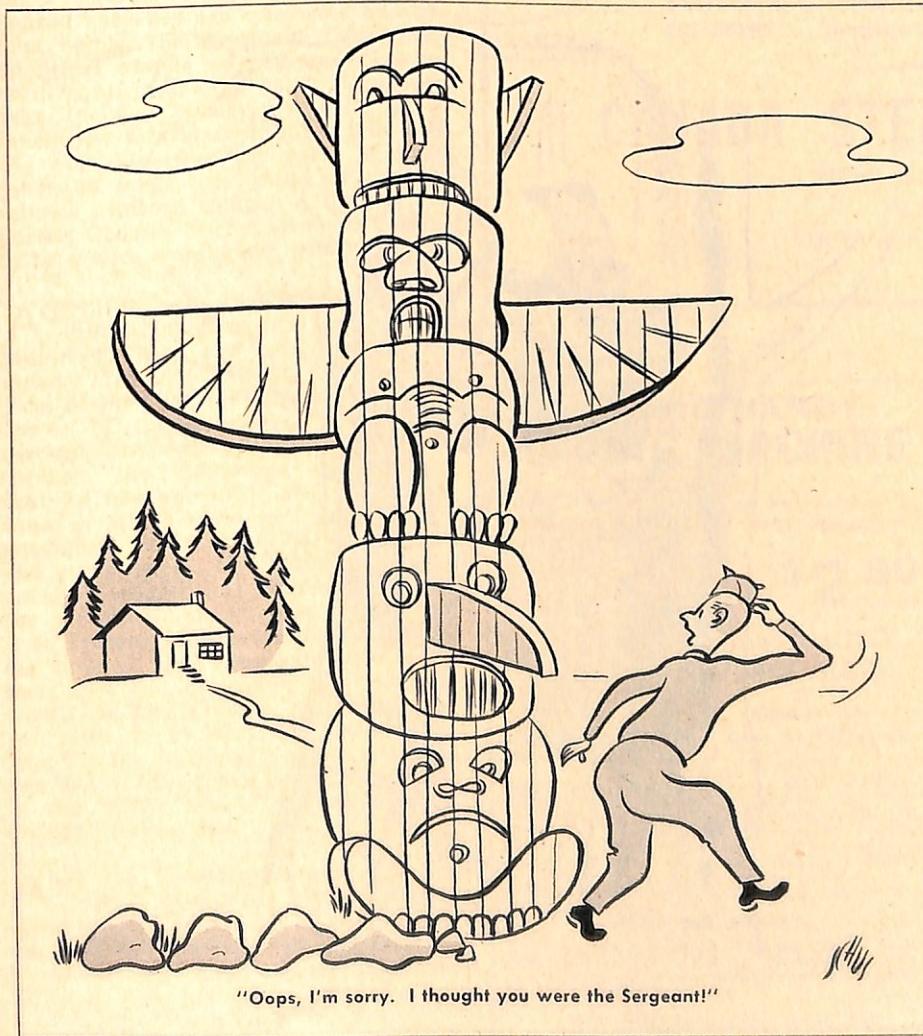
IN THE meantime our flyers in war planes are rolling up great records. You can get an idea of the efficiency of naval planes by consulting the record of the U.S.S. *Enterprise*, the only major airplane carrier still afloat out of the first seven commissioned in 1933. In the first year of the war the *Enterprise* was in practically every major naval conflict in the Pacific; its flyers sank thirty-five Japanese warships, damaged others and shot down 185 Japanese planes. That record is something to be proud of. It is told in detail by Eugene Burns in "Then There Was One". The other six carriers, lost sooner or later, were the

Lexington, Saratoga, Yorktown, Ranger, Hornet and Wasp.

The story of the "Big E" in "Then There Was One" is highly dramatic. It shows what dangers these big carriers ran in the days when the Japanese had more warships than the United States and when their flyers were based on airfields that we have since captured. You can imagine what the men aboard the *Enterprise* felt when they returned to Pearl Harbor the day after the Jap surprise attack. The *Enterprise*, Vice Admiral William F. Halsey's flagship, had been out with a task force on maneuvers and heard of the attack on the way. When it reached Pearl Harbor Battleship Row was lined with sunken and riddled ships. After that its flyers made many contacts with the enemy. And the enemy hit back. At the Solomons the enemy poured bombs and bullets on the "Big E" and one bomb, hitting the deck, killed forty-one out of fifty-three men manning the guns. A photographer was present and snapped the bomb at the very instant it hit. The *Enterprise* got a terrific plastering off Guadalcanal, had men killed, the steering gear disrupted and big holes torn in its side. The ordeal of the seven men who were trapped in a compartment where the heat rose to 160 degrees was something to remem-

ber; a lone gunner, who apologized for leaving his post, got them all out, although one died later. When Doolittle started out for Tokyo the *Enterprise* was one of the escorts of the *Hornet* and the naval flyers aboard did not know for a long time why there were big land bombers on the deck of the *Hornet* and where they were going. There are many stories of personal heroism in this lively chronicle of the "Big E" and the photographs of action on board are excellent. (Harcourt, Brace, \$2.50)

EVERY American who takes pride in the achievements of democracy ought to know all about the career of Justice Oliver Wendell Holmes. He lived during the greatest period of American expansion, from 1841 to 1935, and he had great influence on the fine, liberal thinking of the 20th Century. His roots were deep in New England and his father was one of its great poets, wits and medical men. Justice Holmes fought in the Civil War and the story of how his father searched for him after the battle of Gettysburg became the basis for a well-known sketch. Catherine Drinker Bowen has written a fine, satisfying biography of the Justice in "Yankee from Olympus", and somehow turned the tables on the father, who



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dominated the scene throughout the 19th Century. Now the famous father is only necessary to explain the son and Mrs. Bowen finds him amusing at times.

This is a very full biography, and by that I mean that Mrs. Bowen has visualized the way Holmes grew up, lived in his college days and in his married life and developed his ideas. She has filled in with what he might have seen and thought. It is hard to get inside other people and perhaps Mrs. Bowen has tackled too big a job. But there is no doubt that she has made every page vitally interesting. The father of Holmes had become famous by writing "Old Ironsides". You remember from your schooldays, "Ay, pull the tattered ensign down, long has it waved on high." He was trying to be a lawyer, but he abandoned that for medicine. Later, after the fighting, his son decided to be a lawyer and the father said, "A lawyer can't be a great man." The Justice of the Supreme Court liked to repeat that phrase when he was 90 and revered for his honest interpretation of the law and the statutes.

Holmes had attended Harvard Law School, had been a professor of law and a judge and practiced law for twenty years when President Theodore Roosevelt made him a member of the Su-

preme Court in 1902. He was still known as the son of a famous father. When the Holmeses reached Washington Mrs. Holmes said, "After sixty years, Wendell, we have achieved a life where your father's name is of no significance, except as you make it so." And then began the great career of Oliver Wendell Holmes, the Justice. In a few years he had offended the President by his independence, his famous "dissent" in the Northern Securities Co. case. But he went right on, interpreting the statutes in the light of his own understanding. Mrs. Bowen has not weighed this book down with heavy discussions of legal topics; she has kept her eye on the human being, the man, and that is why it is such a satisfying biography. (Atlantic, Little, Brown, \$3)

A LARGE part of political history is political gossip, woven from the cigar smoke that drifts out of committee rooms. It is based on what some insider told an outsider. Charles Michelson, who has directed the publicity of the Democratic National Committee since 1932, ought to be an insider. He has a big pocketful of gossip, perhaps a whole filing cabinet full. It isn't always history, but it does "throw a light" here and there. And the title of



"Now get some feathers to line it."

his confession, "The Ghost Talks", makes you expect some choice disclosures. But the interesting part of this book, to me, is not history but the impressions Charlie has of his boss, the President of the United States, of James A. Farley, John J. Raskob, Harry Hopkins and other leaders. It is best to say at once that no matter how sweetly Charlie writes about Franklin D. Roosevelt when the latter is a candidate, he actually looks upon him as a shrewd, highly intelligent politician who can use both "polite or rough-house" tactics. Men who come from the White House sure that the President agrees with them and supports them and then find themselves out on a limb are the victims, says Charles Michelson, of the President's winning manner, his trick of "sending people away satisfied that he is in accord with them", when actually he is only listening to them. This attitude, or "sunny disposition", misled James A. Farley into believing that the President would not be a candidate in 1940, thinks Charlie. As one of the men behind the scenes he cannot explain the President's management of the 1940 convention through Harry Hopkins unless the President feared his plans might go wrong if he left things to the regular organization. Charlie doesn't like Harry Hopkins, who has been the most consistent advisor of the President. Charlie tells how presidential speeches are concocted by various hands, the President taking the "political viands offered and cooking them in his individual way". I can't say that Charles Michelson's book gives much new information, but it tells how the work-horses of the party do their jobs and what they think of the big fellows who run things. A lifelong reporter, Charles Michelson doesn't seem to be a hero worshipper. (Putnam, \$3)

ANOTHER book that is of interest in this campaign year is George Fort Milton's "The Use of Presidential Power, 1789-1943". One of the big subjects of the year is the increase of the power of the executive, not merely through the emergency of war, but through the numerous commissions that he has appointed and controlled, some of which seem to function independently of congressional restraint and supervision. Mr. Milton, unfortunately, does not deal exhaustively with the present administration. His object is to present a historical record, showing how all the presidents have used their powers. For more light on the trends in the present administration you must go to John T. Flynn's book, "As We Go Marching", which attacks, and Frank Kingdom's book, "That Man in the White House", which defends presidential policies.

ARE Col. Stoopnagle's verbal antics humor, banter or just nonsense? Nonsense can be funny, of course, and the Colonel's scrambled experiences have amused many radio listeners. When he puts his banter into print we

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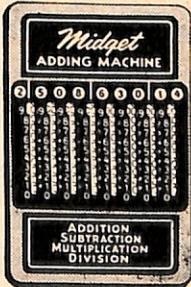
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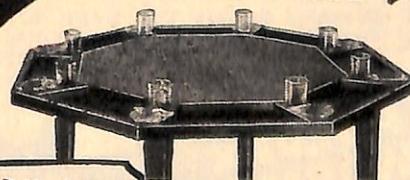
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In the DOGHOUSE with Ed Faust



What every dog should know to become a good citizen.

IT HAS been quite a while, come to think of it, more years than I'd like to wait for the war to end, since I've discussed your dog's education to any extent. Since that time your Magazine has grown to the point where I know that there are thousands of new readers, many of whom are very likely owners of dogs and who may read this column from time to time. So for the benefit of our new customers and to refresh the memories of some who have read what I've said on this subject, let's see what every dog should learn to become a good citizen. Before we go any farther I want to add that the basic education of a dog has nothing to do with the teaching of such things as tricks and in that category I include teaching a pup to sit up, walk on its hind legs, to jump or to fetch. Of course, in certain situations the latter two stunts are utility actions and not, strictly speaking, tricks.

Among professional trainers there is a difference of opinion as to what age Fido should go to school—the difference ranging from six weeks to as much as a year. My own experience is that most intelligent pups can begin their lessons when they are about three months old. Other than housebreaking, I wouldn't try to school a dog before that age. Younger than that the pooch is only a feather-brained kid and as a rule is easily tired by repeated drilling. And a tired dog, like a tired child, makes an unwilling scholar.

Now, when it comes to ability to learn quickly, I want to knock off that wrong-headed although popular idea that plain, ordinary pups of uncertain parentage are smarter

than those that are pure-bred. As a matter of fact, the odds favor the latter if for no other reason than that breeders of pedigreed dogs are not at all anxious to be known as producers of dumb bunnies. True enough, many circus and stage acts using dogs do employ quite a few mixed breeds but that's because those dogs aren't at all expensive and those among them unsuited to training by virtue of disposition or intelligence can be discarded with practically no loss.

Of course, the all-important thing for a house dog to learn if nothing else, is cleanliness. In my mail from readers, the housebreaking question runs second only to that of feeding, which is quite understandable when one considers what a fearful nuisance an unclean dog can become. Is housebreaking difficult? Not at all. But it does call for plenty of patience on the part of the dog's owner. I have no intention of making an unseemly comparison, but the truth is that the average dog finds it much easier to learn to be "clean" than does a human baby. It may take from ten days to three weeks. How long it takes little Harry or Harriet—well, only a mother knows. But suppose it does require three weeks or even a month to teach little Fido to respect your rugs or carpets—after all, with reasonable care, he'll live to be your friend and companion for the next ten to fourteen years. Unfortunately, there are still some few folks who cling to the old-fashioned notion that when a pup forgets himself the thing to do is to rub his schnozzle in his mistake. As a training measure, I can assure you it's a bust, and sim-

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or running back and forth between you and the door. When he does this, don't overlook his appeal. If you do and he soils your floor, the fault is yours, not his. When taking him out try to use the same street and a quiet one each time. The reason for this is that he will recognize places that he has used before—and that helps.

The next important thing for your pup to learn is to come to you at your command. He will probably obey promptly enough around the house, but outside and running freely is something else. This is one of the most important commands—important to you and to the dog. To teach this all you have to do is fasten a long rope to the dog's collar when you take him out. While outside call the dog to you by name using a short word command such as "Come here." If he refuses to come to you then gently but firmly haul him toward you hand over hand. Keep repeating the command words. See that the rope is long enough so that when he has finally learned to come to you when within sight of you, you can then allow him to wander out of sight behind obstacles or around corners. This too is important because a young dog, if it believes it is out of sight of its master, may be tempted to disobey at which time you can again haul him back to you. The idea that he MUST get is that when you call him there is no escape. He must come to your side. After he learns to return to you as soon as you've called him dispense with the rope. But if at any time subsequent he disobeys your command, put him back on that rope and keep him there until he repents. Whenever you pull him to your side praise him and give him extra praise when he returns to you voluntarily as soon as you call him.

WHEN walking your dog with or without leash, train him to walk at your right side. I know that all the experts, kennel people and exhibitors, say you must walk your dog at the left. Well, that's bunk. Perhaps this custom was born of English practice which came to us through dog shows but in this country traffic and pedestrians alike move to the right. To walk your dog at your left side is only to walk him into oncoming traffic. But the dog should be taught to walk no farther ahead of you than at the most half of his length. To teach this, walk him along a street where there is a high wall. Use the command word "back" when he surges

forward and at the same time crowd him against the wall. You'll have to repeat this often but he'll get the idea in time. During the early stages of this lesson keep him on the leash and jerk the leash each time you crowd him—not violently but sufficiently strong enough to let him know that it is YOU who is at the business end of his leash.

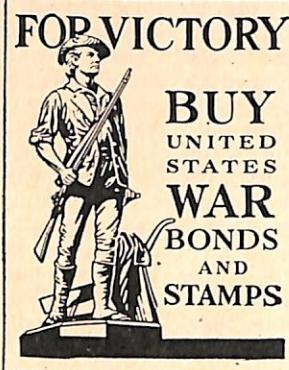
Another useful command is to teach your dog to stand still. This is not too difficult. In fact, nearly all show dogs have to learn this for proper posing. Put your dog in a corner of the room so the side walls prevent his escaping. Hold one hand under his chin and compel him to stand. Repeat the command word "Stand". After he gets this through his noggin, then move him out

into the center of the room. Again put your hand under his chin and grasp his tail or rear end. Give the command word. You'll be surprised how soon an intelligent dog will learn this lesson. After your dog is accustomed to being supported by your hands and shows signs of having learned what is wanted of him, then move away after giving the command word and let him stand alone.

Continuing our elementary lessons we move on to the one that teaches your dog to sit at command. Now I don't mean sit up on its haunches—that's simply a stunt and not a useful thing to either you or the dog. To teach the sitting command, gently press the dog's rear quarters to the floor and at the same time keep your hand under its chin. Repeat the command word "Sit". Don't permit the dog to lie down or move away from you.

An extension of the "sit" command is the one that directs your pup to lie down when you tell him. Again you firmly but gently press his rear end to the floor and with your free hand draw his front paws out from under him. Give him the command word "Down".

Bear in mind that in all your teaching you must have infinite patience. Never storm or shout at the dog and never whip it for failing to learn. Abuse will only terrify the pooh and make him dislike your commands all the more. Another good rule when schooling your dog indoors is to keep other people or animals or anything distracting out of the room. There should be just you and the dog. He'll learn the more quickly if you can do this. Don't make the lessons long, ten to fifteen minutes twice a day is sufficient and whatever you do, don't even try to give lessons to a dog that is not well.



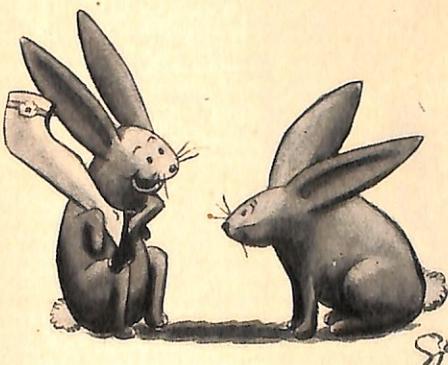
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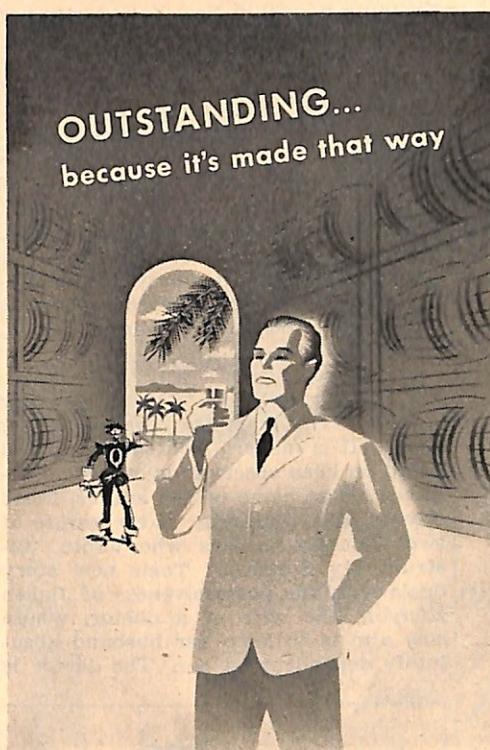
are likely to be more critical. At any rate, the news is that Col. Stoopnagle's book is called "You Wouldn't Know Me From Adam", that it is introduced by Fred Allen and that it is packed with the Colonel's cockeyed experiences. Fred Allen is a wit; he makes the most of his opportunity. Col. Stoopnagle, says he, had a pair of bookends with no book between them; the draft that came through the bookends blew on the Colonel, so he wrote a book to put between the bookends. He was born in a prefabricated cabin and at one time was a flagpole salesman. His sample case was too long to get on trains so the Colonel had to stay at home and let the customers come to him. "He made history in the flagpole game," writes Fred, "the day he sold his last flagpole to the man without a country." When the Colonel gets going he tells many of his favorite stories. He describes the Never men—one man never flips the flap after he drops a letter into a mailbox; another never puts his finger on a bench on which a sign says Wet Paint. He discusses his past and guides you around New York. His ingenuity is endless and if you believe all he tells you you will wind up standing on your head. (Whittlesey House, \$2)

NOVELS of the hour. If you want to get your teeth into a long story and don't mind bulk, there's "Canal Town", by Samuel Hopkins Adams, packed with homely characters and based on the busy 1820's in upper New York State when the big ditch, the Erie Canal, was being dug. Mr. Adams takes Palmyra, N. Y., for his setting and makes it a world by itself. His hero is a young doctor, Horace Amlie, who gets into trouble because he is a crusader, a herald of better living. This is primarily a love story with a great deal of dialogue. (Random House, \$2.75)

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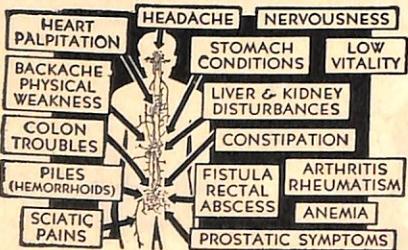
Training School in New York instead of playing in tennis matches. Her latest, "Storm Against the Wind", is a romantic novel of the James River district of Virginia, the Tidewater, in the days before and during the American Revolution, with the hero a young scion of the F. F. V. who becomes a patriot, and of Patrick Henry one of the characters. The treatment is more formal, perhaps, than the characters actually were, but the story is in the tradition of the historical novel. It may afford a pleasant relief from too much realism. (Dodd, Mead, \$2.75)

more complacent and complying than antagonistic and she nearly wrecks him. The story gains strength by its clear and forceful characterizations. (Random House, \$2.50)

VICKI BAUM'S "Hotel Berlin '43" is a swift-paced story. It is filled with action and ought to make a thumping motion picture. It is not wholly without value as a picture of the demoralization that has come to the Germans. But its main purpose is entertainment and it never flags. There is the actress who got her popularity when Hitler applauded her and who never thought about politics until a broken soldier, a deserter from the Russian front, enters her room disguised as a waiter and has to hide in her wardrobe. There are various tools of the Gestapo, one of whom winds up at the bottom of an elevator shaft. And as the bombs tear the heart out of Berlin the German attitude toward war changes. Vicki Baum is Austrian-born and a naturalized American who made her first great success with "Grand Hotel". (Doubleday, Doran, \$2.50)

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Under the Antlers

(Continued from page 29)

NEWPORT, R. I. A substantial contribution to the War Fund of the Elks War Commission was made recently by Newport Lodge No. 104. Acknowledging receipt of the lodge's check for \$1,000, the Commission paid high tribute to the generous spirit of the members and the fine leadership of their Exalted Ruler, James W. Downs. This, with a previous contribution, raised the total to \$1,215.50.

A Blood Bank conducted some weeks ago at the home of Newport Lodge, under the auspices of the local chapter of the American Red Cross, was brought to a successful conclusion. The 1,000-pint quota was exceeded by one hundred and fifty pints.

GRINNELL, IA. A class of 26 candidates was initiated by Grinnell Lodge No. 1266 on Past Exalted Rulers Night. "Thanatopsis" was rendered impressively by Dr. E. O. Parish, a member. The Ritual was exemplified by Past Exalted Rulers.

Daniel K. Brennan, Past Exalted Ruler of Rock Island, Illinois, Lodge, was the guest speaker. A well known newspaper and advertising man, Mr. Brennan is well up on the Japanese question, the subject he took for his discourse. Thirty-five members of Grinnell Lodge are serving in the United States Armed Forces.

LA FAYETTE, IND. La Fayette Lodge No. 143, at a March meeting, voted to contribute to the Red Cross War Fund Drive a sum equal to ten dollars for each member in the Services. The amount donated was \$850. As several neighboring counties are well represented in the La Fayette membership, each county was allotted fifty dollars for its own contribution.

MINOT, N. D. In his official capacity as Chairman of the War Commission of Minot Lodge No. 1089, Past Exalted Ruler T. J. McGrath presented his lodge's contribution of \$1,000 to the American Red Cross to Robert Becker, Chairman of the Ward County drive. Mr. McGrath is North Dakota's District Deputy, and Mr. Becker is also a member of No. 1089.

MOUNT CARMEL, PA. Seventy-seven members of Mount Carmel Lodge No. 356 responded recently to an appeal for assistance in providing a blood plasma bank to meet all types of blood required in emergencies. Technicians from the Ashland State Hospital visited the Elks' quarters where it was determined that from among those who had submitted to typing, some rare types were included in the results. Among these are the rare 3B and three types of the still more rare IAB.

POTTSVILLE, PA. About 300 members of the Order attended the burning of a mortgage in the amount of \$8,000 at the home of Pottsville Lodge No. 207 recently. Among the participants were five members who have been Elks for more than 40 years. The Board of Trustees, Past Exalted Rulers H. O. Bechtel, Charles V. Hogan, J. W. Seltzer, and Ralph A. Fertig, Chairman of the House Committee, officiated in the actual burning of the document.

The guest speaker, Past Grand Exalted Ruler Charles H. Grakelow, of Philadelphia Lodge, and other prominent Pennsylvania Elks, including Grover C. Shoemaker, Bloomsburg, Past Pres. of the Pa. State Elks Assn., State Inner Guard J. G. Thumm, Shenandoah, and D.D. William G. Wilson, Ashland, occupied seats on the rostrum. Nearly all of the lodges of the Northeast District were represented.



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FLAG DAY

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"Resolved, That the flag of the thirteen United States be thirteen stripes, alternate red and white; that the union be thirteen stars, white on a blue field, representing a new constellation" . . .

Congress, June 14, 1777.

GRAND Exalted Ruler Henry A. Melvin in his Annual Report submitted to the Grand Lodge in Session at Dallas, in July, 1907, recommended that June 14, the birthday of our Country's Flag, be suitably observed by the Order of Elks. Judge Melvin's recommendation was adopted, a ritual ordered prepared, and referred to the subordinate lodges. It met with such widespread favor that legislation was enacted making the day one of mandatory observance. Thus Flag Day, as a day of national celebration, is truly an offspring of the patriotic spirit of the Order.

Flag Day is not a day of special patriotism, not a day of mere lip service. To the Elk, every day is Flag Day, but the recurrent celebration offers opportunity for members of the Order, and the people of their communities to meet together and reaffirm, collectively and publicly, their allegiance to the Flag and to the principles for which it stands, and the beautiful ritual gives eloquent emphasis to the patriotic impulses which inspired the Elks to become the first fraternity to make the day one of national celebration.

On June 14th of the year 1944, our lodges will assemble upon the most significant Flag Day our Country has ever known. It will not be a day of festive celebration, but of solemn contemplation. "Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness" have been challenged, and the challenge has been met by the best America has to offer. The fight to preserve for future generations the rights and privileges of American

citizenship is carried on, on land and sea, in the air and the waters beneath, and the cost is "blood and sweat and tears".

A militant nation greets Flag Day in this year of trial, a nation turned almost overnight, by Pearl Harbor treachery, from paths of peace to ways of war. It opened the floodgates of America's productive capacity, and started the ceaseless productive line that is carrying implements of war to every corner of the globe, and slowly but surely crushing our foes beneath an ever-increasing weight of armaments.

Flag Day will find millions of our young men and women in the Armed Forces ready to make the supreme gift of life itself for their Country. A vast Allied Army is poised upon the shores of the English Channel ready to hurl itself against the most formidable lines of defense ever erected against an invading foe, hoping that it is to strike the final blow for Victory. The cost will be great, but death and suffering have ever been the price of liberty.

Flag Day—1944—will indeed be a day of prayerful intercession for all of those who are so nobly enacting their part in the tragedy which holds the world's stage today, for those on the front line of battle, and for those who wait and hope.

Every lodge in the Order will observe Flag Day, in the language of the Proclamation of the President of the United States, "as a day of earnest rededication to those high principles of humanity and citizenship which constitute the foundations of the Republic".

CHICAGO 1944

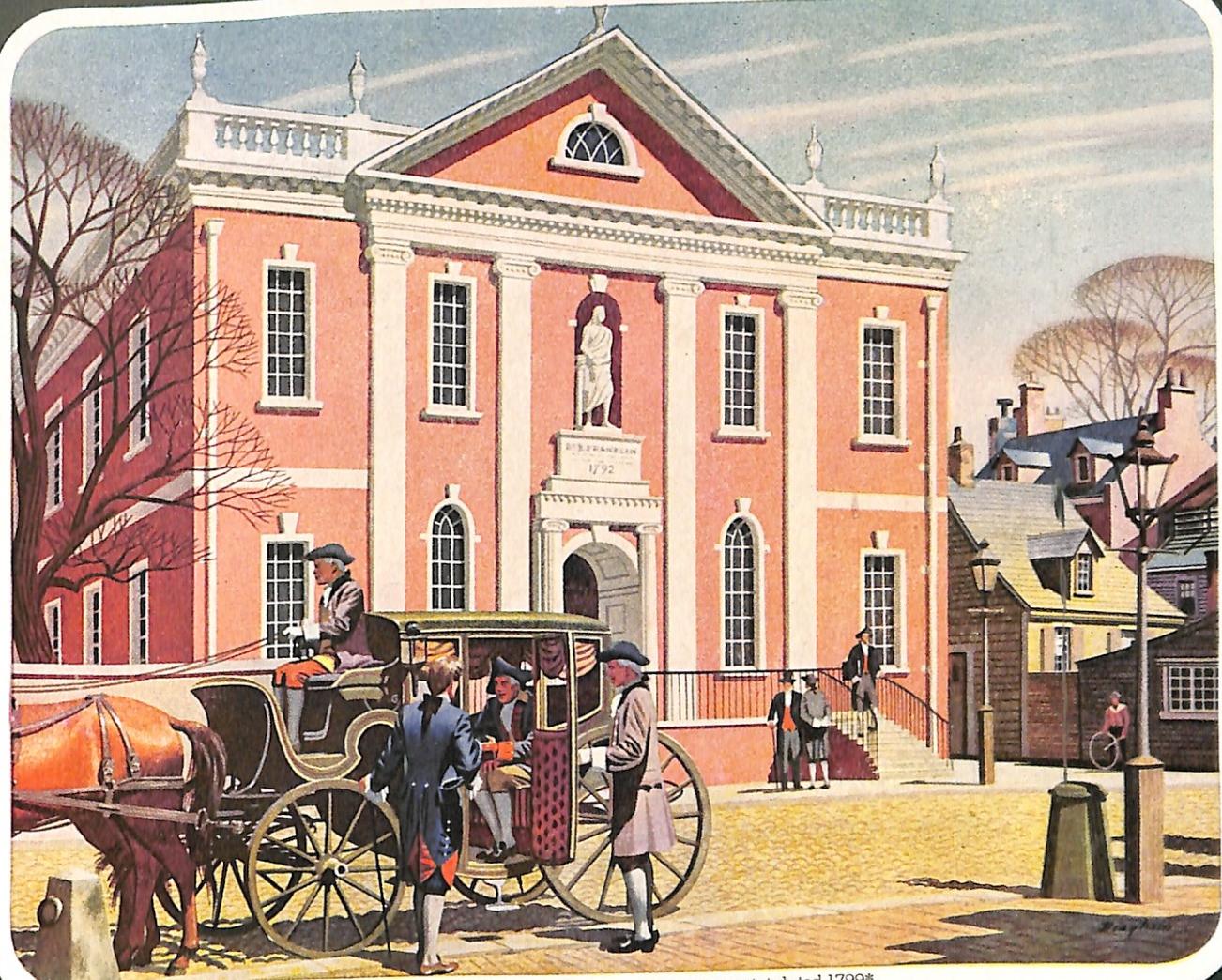
THE Grand Exalted Ruler, by proclamation, calls upon the Grand Lodge to convene in the City of Chicago, July 31, 1944. The date is emphasized as it is a departure from the customary second week in July, made necessary by hotel and transportation conditions. The Session will be geared to a war-time pace, "streamlined", reunion and social features eliminated, and devoted to speeding up the Order's war effort by every means within the power of the Grand Lodge. Since America's entry into war a great page has been written in the history of the Order of Elks. A greater page will be written at Chicago, and no subordinate lodge should be without representation. And, as hotel and railroad accommodations are at a war-time peak, representatives should not delay making reservations.

The Elks Magazine

"IF WE encountered a man of rare intellect we should ask him what books he reads". So said Emerson.

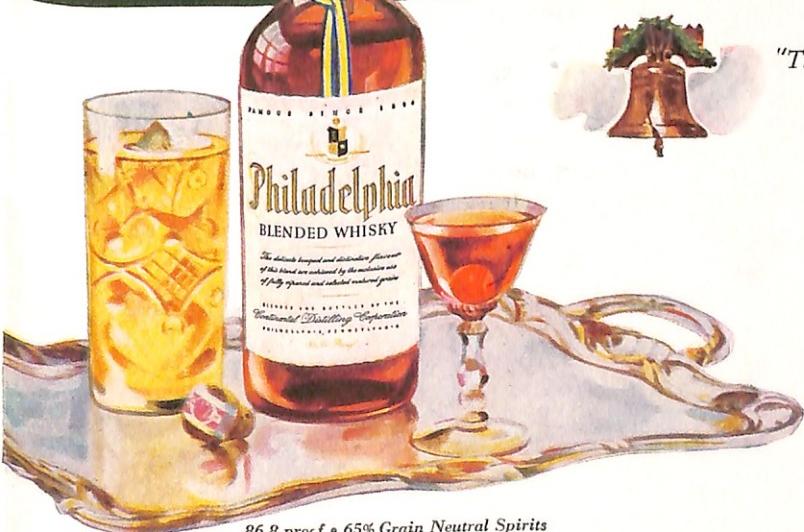
If an Elk is encountered who displays unusual knowledge, not only of his own lodge, but of what other lodges are doing; if he knows of the Elks Fraternal Centers established in all key cities for the comfort and amusement of our service men and women; if he is aware of the recruiting drives for Aviation Cadets and Seabees, inaugurated by the Elks War Commission; if he can tell of the activities of subordinate lodges in the sale of War Bonds and Stamps, their cooperation with the Red Cross, and blood plasma campaigns, and the manifold efforts and achievements of the Elks in furthering the war effort, no need to ask what he reads. He reads *The Elks Magazine*. It is therefore pertinent to suggest to the officers of subordinate lodges the advisability of losing no opportunity to impress their membership with the value of *The Elks Magazine* as a means of keeping step with the march of the Order. An informed Elk is a better Elk, and careful reading of *The Elks Magazine*, with its virile, monthly message from the Grand Exalted Ruler, its play-by-play account of the activities of other lodges, its news of what is being done by the Order to sustain morale at home, and aid our Country abroad, will make any Elk prouder than ever of his membership. The name of an informed Elk will never reach the Delinquent List.

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